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Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year Named

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Westfield State College senior Melissa Merrow of Dunstable (Groton-Dunstable Regional High School) was selected as the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference's Howard C. Smith Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year for the 1999-2000 academic year.

The award is presented annually to a male and female senior student-athlete who have excelled both academically and athletically while a student of a Massachusetts State College. The award is named in honor of Howard C. Smith, a former state college trustee who was largely responsible for the formation of the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference and the acceptance of intercollegiate athletics as an integral part of the state college system.

To be considered for this award a student-athlete must have achieved at least a 3.2 cumulative grade point average and must be in his or her last year of athletic eligibility.

This year's Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year is Salem State's Osvaldo DosReis, an All America soccer player from Boston.

Merrow, a psychology major with a 3.89 cumulative grade point average, was a standout in track and field and cross country for the past four years. She was named the cross country team's Most Valuable Performer in 1999, as she finished second in the Mass. State Conference and placed third in the New England Alliance championships.

A four-time all conference performer, Merrow helped lead the Owls to four straight Mass. State Conference cross country championships, placing fifth in 1998, fourth in 1997, and sixth in 1996. She received the team's Outstanding Contributor Award in 1997 and 1998, and was New England Alliance all conference both years.

On the track, Merrow was a four-time conference and a three-time New England Alliance champion. She captured Mass. State Conference championships four consecutive years: the 1500 meter run (1997 and 1999), 5000 meters (1998), and 3000 meters (2000).

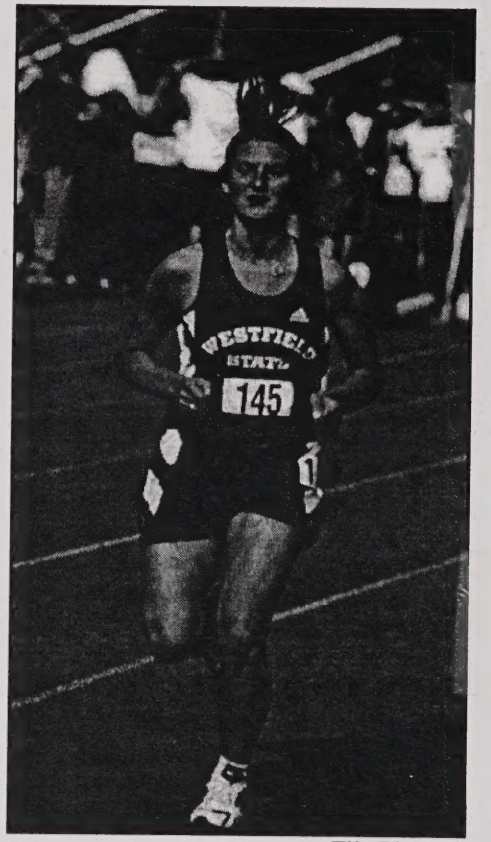
Merrow also received numerous academic honors. She was a District I GTE Academic All America as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA), and was named Westfield State's Senior Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. She is an NCAA postgraduate scholarship nominee and received the Westfield State's psychology departmental award for academic excellence. She has been a member of Psi Chi (psychology honor society) since 1998 and Phi Kappa Phi (all disciplines honor society) since 1999.

"I have had the privilege of coaching Melissa Merrow as a member of both the cross country and track teams for the past four years and during that time Melissa has been a model of achievement at Westfield State College," said coach Bob Rausch.

"Not only has she been an outstanding athlete and student, but she has been and continues to be an outstanding person. Her strong work ethic and dedication make her the consummate student-athlete, and she is also the type of individual who takes a sincere interest in the well being of her teammates. She is the type of person you hope you get a chance to work with some time in your career as a coach and educator."

"Melissa is one of the best students I have known in my 30 years of teaching," said Westfield State College psychology professor William Duval. "My support is based not only on her academic work but includes the contributions she has made to the College. Melissa is bright, intellectually curious and very responsible in her approach to her studies. She has prepared herself well for graduate school by taking a variety of courses that will provide a strong background in the counseling field."

Merrow is the 10th Westfield State student-athlete to receive the award since its inception in 1980. Westfield State's 10 scholar-athlete honorees are the most in the eight-team conference, followed by Fitchburg and Mass Maritime Academy with seven apiece and Salem State with six.



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Scholar athelete Melissa Merrow

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Men's Soccer To Showcase Talent vs. Williams College

By Mickey Curtis, SID Sept. 2000

It will be a homecoming of sorts for the coach and many of the players when Westfield State College hosts perennial power Williams College in a key early-season NCAA Division III men's soccer matchup at Szot Park in Chicopee on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 7:00 p.m.

Thirteen of Westfield State's players are Western Mass. natives who are familiar with the Szot Park pitch from their high school playing days.

Westfield head coach Paul Whalley also is looking forward to playing at the top-flight venue. Whalley is a 1971 graduate of Chicopee Comp, where he was a three-year soccer standout and team captain and MVP during his senior season. In addition, Whalley was the head coach at Chicopee High School from 1979-83 and led the Pacers to the 1983 state championship.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase two colleges with outstanding soccer traditions," said Whalley. "There are a lot of soccer fans in Western Mass. and this gives them an excellent opportunity to see some outstanding collegiate soccer, along with seeing many players who were stars at local high schools."

Williams College, meanwhile, features a number of talented foreign players, and is again expected to challenge for the NCAA Division III national championship. The Ephs have their three leading scorers returning from last season's squad that posted a 15-1-1 record and advanced to the NCAA quarterfinals.

Noted for its strong defense, Williams outscored the opposition, 37-6, last season. The Ephs, who are ranked No. 2 in the national preseason poll, were 16-2-1 in 1998 when they advanced to the NCAA semifinals.

"Williams has probably the best Division III program in the country," said Whalley, whose Owls lost to Williams, 2-1, in both 1998 and 1999. "They have the type of players that you need to compete at the national level: big, strong, fast and highly skilled."

Westfield State also has many of its top players returning, including its top three scorers, from last season's team that posted its third straight winning campaign under Whalley. The Owls were 9-8 in 1999 with seven losses coming to highly ranked opponents, including five by a goal.

Senior forwards Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham and Andrew Lewis of Danvers rank 15th and 16th, respectively, on Westfield's all-time scoring list. Another key returnee is sophomore midfielder Chris Whalley, the coach's son, who was the Mass. State Conference Rookie of the Year in 1999.

Other local products returning are: junior keeper D.J. Conway of Springfield (Central); Tim Cranson of Montgomery (Gateway); Matt Goncalves of Ludlow; and Chicopee natives Hugo Destapado, Luke Slatton and Dave Gadouas. Junior Adam Deady, also a Chicopee native, is a transfer from Holyoke Community College.

"We have a strong group of returning players; the best in my four years here," said Whalley. "I'm also optimistic about the group of freshmen we have. They were very talented players in high school and I'm anxious to see how well they adjust to playing at the collegiate level."

Joining the Owls from last season's state championship Ludlow High School team are Jon Witowski and Jay Chelo. Andrew Thompson and Joe Calabrese were standouts at Palmer and West Springfield High Schools. In addition, freshmen Mike Cotrone, a 6-4, 230-pound midfielder/back, and forward Greg Viggiano starred at nearby Suffield, Conn., High School.

Westfield State Men's Soccer Game vs. Williams College on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at Szot Park in Chicopee at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a spectator Bus to the game -- first-come, first-serve, and free -- leaving in front of Scanlon Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Ride or follow the bus to the game as the Owls play one of the top teams in the NCAA Division III.

Owls Dominate Western Conn.

The Westfield State College men's soccer team exploded for three second-half goals to register a big 3-0 victory over Western Connecticut State in its season opener Sept. 6 at Alumni Field.

Freshman back Jon Witowski of Ludlow scored the game-winning goal and added an assist to lead the Owls to their second victory in 11 games vs. the New England perennial power from Danbury, Conn.

Witowski punched in a rebound from from five yards out for the game-winner at the 69-minute mark. Tallying an insurance goal eight minutes later was senior standout Karl Labadorf of Wilbrham. The goal was set up by a beautiful crossing pass from senior Chris Machado.

Sophomore Edgar Ortiz scored with 27 seconds remaining on a 30-yard blast from the right side.

The teams played on even terms the first half, but Westfield dominated the final 45 minutes when it outshot the visitors, 12-4.

Western Conn fell to 2-1 after posting shutout victories over Ithaca, 4-0, and Babson, 1-0.

Football Squad Provides New Look For 2000 Season

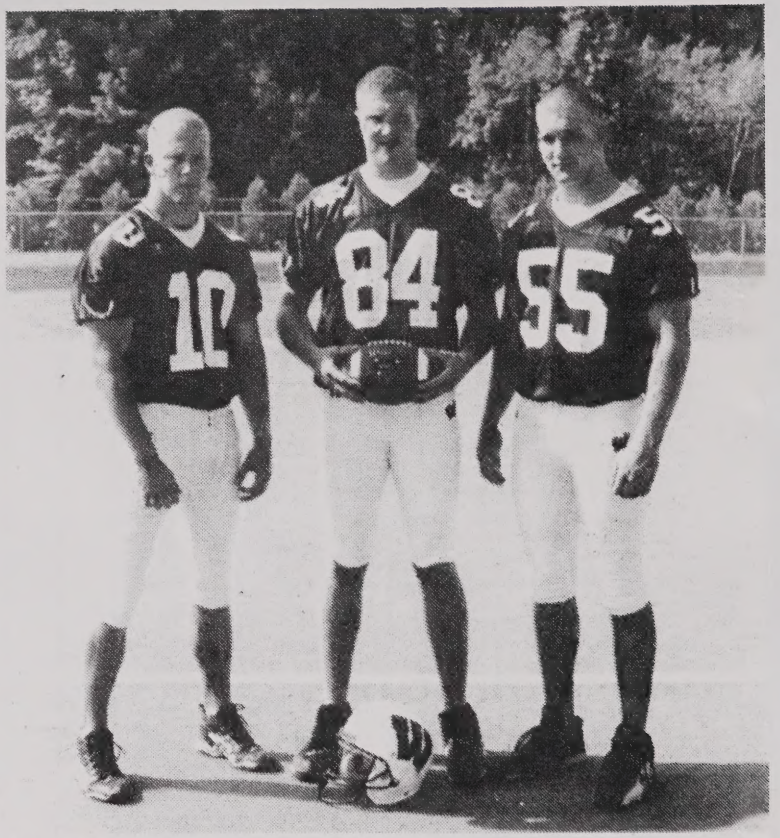
By Mickey Curtis, SID

A nice blend of veterans and ing time in certain situations, especially when we want to throw the only fielded 53 players heading into their season opener at Western New England College, and they noticeably lack depth at several positions, including defensive line and running back.

"We had a low turnout this year and we'll struggle with our depth," Marino said. "Our first stringers are very talented, but health will play a role."

Defensively, the Owls return their top three tacklers from last season: senior linebacker Ken Stewart, senior end Tim Corr, and sophomore lineback Mike Hurteau. The secondary is led by veterans Ryan Clifford, Kyle Kostanski and Al Gates.

"Our defense looks solid with our front seven and secondary," said Marino.



Westfield State Football Team Captains, left to right: John Frasco, Tim Corr, and Ken Stewart. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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Williams Tops Westfield In Soccer Showdown

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Powell, both junior midfielders, controlled the offense for Williams. With twenty-eight minutes left in the first half, D.J. Conway was taken out with a swollen hip, suffered as he dove to save a shot which hit the crossbar. Williams took the first seven shots on goal of the game.

Towards the twenty-minute point in the first half, the Owls started to pick up the defense and became more aggressive on offense. Edgar Ortiz, sophomore midfielder, led the charge by going after the ball and getting shots off. In the next three minutes, Williams failed on an indirect kick and senior, Nick Ammendolia, in for Conway, made three clutch saves. Then Blake struck again with a shot that got passed Ammendolia with seventeen minutes left until halftime.

Throughout the first half, head coach Paul Whalley argued with the linesman over Williams' defensemen pushing. Whalley speaking up paid off in the form of one yellow card each for Williams' Ted Giannacopoulos and Michael Cortese in the last fifteen minutes of the first half.

Whalley later said of his team, "We played with class."We say that we can only control the controllable," he said, "We can't control the refs, so we don't worry about the refs."

In the second half, Williams came out with the same intensity as the first. Senior midfielder, Graham Davidson, scored seven minutes into the second half. More controversial non-calls occurred in the second half when Williams' senior goalie slapped WSC senior, co-captain forward Karl Labadorf after Karl went after the ball in a valiant effort. Although there were more controversial calls in favor of Williams College there were some calls in favor of WSC, also.

Williams had multiple shots on goal within the first five minutes of the second half. In contrast, WSC had few offensive chances. In the middle of the second half, Williams' Graham Davidson was issued two consecutive yellow cards and was then asked to leave the bench. The ref said he was running his mouth, but Graham seemed to disagree.

With fifteen minutes and thirteen seconds left in the game, the Owls' freshman midfielder Jay Chelo finally broke the shutout. However, it was answered nine seconds later by Williams' Ted Giannacopoulos to broaden Williams' lead to 4-1.

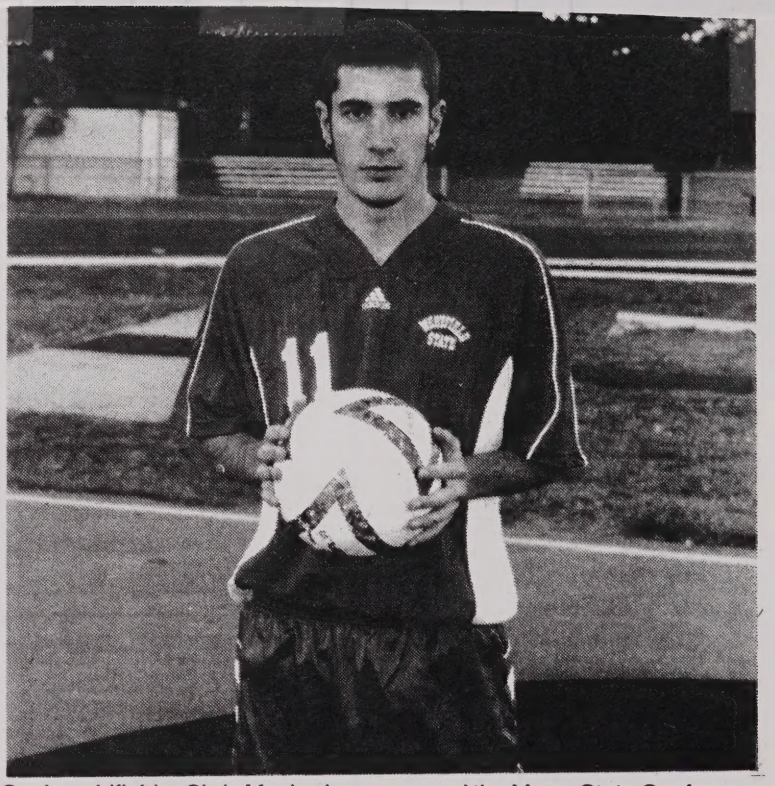
After the game Whalley said, "We lost concentration after we scored."

Williams sophomore midfielder Marshall Dines scored again with five minutes left in the game to push the lead to 5-1. Down four with under three minutes left in the game, WSC did not give up. They hustled until the final horn and Jay Chelo scored once more with 2 and half minutes left in the match.

The fans, as well as coach Whalley, definitely appreciated the heart shown by the team.

Whalley said, "We made a few mistakes and they capitalized on them...They played as hard as they could."

Injured goalie, D.J. Conway said, "I'm happy with the way we played."



Senior midfielder Chris Machado was named the Mass. State Conference Player of the Week in men's soccer. Machado scored the game-winning goal in a big 2-1 victory over Springfield College.

File Photo By Mickey Curtis

Machado Scores Clincher

SPRINGFIELD - Senior midfielder Chris Machado of Weymouth netted the game-winning goal with 11:25 remaining as the Westfield State men's soccer team edged Springfield, 2-1, in a hard-fought game.

Westfield State opened the scoring at 23:11 on a penalty kick by senior Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham. Springfield tied the game at 47:17 on junior Keith Poloskey's unassisted goal that Westfield goalie Nick Ammendolia mishandled.

Machado calmly put in the game-winner just inside the left post after gathering in a rebound.

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Flaherty, Silva Both Score Two Goals

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Women's Soccer Routs Elms For First Victory

CHICOPEE - The Westfield State women's soccer team rolled to a 5-2 victory over Elms College for its first victory of the season.

The Owls jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the opening 30 minutes on a pair of goals by freshman forward Jessica Silva of Reading and junior Joy Flaherty of Bridgewater. Silva also assisted on both of Flaherty's goals.

Sophomore Megan McCann came off the bench to score Westfield's final goal with 34:35 left in the game.

The Owls outshot the host team, 26-6.

Western Conn. 1 - Westfield 0

Heather Babington scored the game-winning goal - a header off a direct kick - with 2:29 remaining in regulation to give Western Connecticut State a 1-0 victory over the Westfield State women's soccer team.

Western Connecticut - one of the top-ranked teams in New England - improved to 3-1.

Westfield State was outshot, 11-10.

Springfield 3 - Westfield 0

Springfield erupted for three second-half goals to defeat Westfield State in the Owls' season and home opener.

Becca Krest scored the game-winning goal at the 59-minute mark off a direct kick restart, slamming the ball high into the left corner off the keeper's hands from 25 yards out.

The Pride, 1-1 overall, outshot Westfield, 7-6.

Volleyball Team Drops Season Opener

KEENE, N.H. - Playing its first home match of the season, the Keene State women's volleyball team defeated Westfield State, 3-0.

Keene improves to 3-2. It was the season opener for Westfield State.

After a close first game, 15-12, Keene won the next two games, 15-4 and 15-2.

Katie Simlick of Enfield had nine kills, eight digs, and three aces for the Owls. Larissa Farrell of Ashfield added four kills, six digs and two aces.

Sports Notices

The Eighth Annual Westfield 5K road race and 1K for Kids will be held on Sunday, Sept. 24, at Barnes Airport in Westfield.

The kids' race begins at 11:30 a.m., with the 5K to start at noon. Registration is from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

This year's new course is completely inside the air base, with the start and finish line at the dining hall.

Entries received by Sept. 22 are $15; entries after Sept. 22 and race day are $17. The kids' entry fee is $5.

Race entry includes a picnic lunch and t-shirts to the first 200 entrants on race day.

Learn to referee basketball and earn extra money.

The local chapter of the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO) will be conducting classes for anyone interested in becoming a certified basketball official.

The classes begin Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 7:00 p.m. at Longmeadow High School. Cost is $75.

Contact Walter Hickson at 533-9177 for more information.

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Phipps' OT Goal Lifts Field Hockey Past Bryant

Junior Teri Phipps came off the bench to score with 3:56 left in the first overtime to give the Westfield State field hockey team an exciting sudden victory over Division II Bryant College in a well played season opener.

Freshman standout B.J. Dion of Waltham assisted on Phipps' game-winner, and scored the game-tying goal with 19:22 left in regulation.

Bryant took a 1-0 lead with 1:07 left in the first half. Westfield's Sara Monahan tied the score early in the second half on a nicely executed penalty corner.

The hard-charging Bulldogs from Smithfield, R.I. quickly regained the lead three minutes later on a goal by Heidi Chirigotis. Dion then tied the score on a breakaway.

The Owls are coached by former Gateway Regional standout Heather Cabral. Her assistant coach is Westfield High graduate Karen Pawlishen.

RPI 4 - Westfield State 0

TROY, N.Y. - Lisa Neville scored two first-half goals to lead RPI to a 4-0 victory over the Westfield State field hockey team.

The strong RPI strong improved to 3-0.

WNEC 2 - Westfield 1

SPRINGFIELD - Senior Karen Gilbert scored the winning goal with 1:30 remaining as Western New England College won its first game of the season with a come-from-behind 2-1 victory over visiting Westfield State College.

After a scoreless first half, junior transfer Mary Bishop of Enfield put the Owls ahead with a goal at the 32:27 mark. WNEC sophomore Nicole DeRosa tied the contest 4:27 later. Classmate Kara Acken assisted on both goals.

Junior goalie Jen Mikulec had 25 saves for the Golden Bears, while sophomore Jill Annunciata had three for the Owls. Both teams are 1-2.

Home Games This Week

Wednesday, Sept. 13

Men's Soccer vs. Williams @Szot Park in Chicopee, 7:00 p.m

Thursday, Sept. 14

Field Hockey vs. Elms, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 16

Women's Soccer vs. Smith, 10:30 a.m.

Football vs. Fitchburg, 2:00 p.m.

2000 Football Outlook

Offensive Line

The offensive line is anchored by senior tackle **Pat Harrington**, who has been a starter the past two seasons. Marino also is high on sophomore tackle **Doug Kaczmarcyzyk** of Athol, who earned a starting spot last season before being sidelined with a season-ending injury. Junior guard **George Emanuel** saw considerable action the past two seasons and started in several games. Sophomore guard **Dave Duquette** and freshman center **Rob Byrne** of Ludlow complete the starting unit. Marino says that sophomore **Brad Walmsley** should see a lot of playing time at guard. Depth is provided by senior **Brian Ross**, freshman **Ken Gebo**, and sophomore **Ron Rich.**

Receivers/Tight Ends

The Owls have limited experience at wide receiver, but they are high on their prospects. Junior **David Eaton** is the leading returnee with six catches for 100 yards in 1999. At 6-1, 190, Eaton provides a big target, as does freshman **Matt Yvon** (6-2, 190). Yvon was a football and basketball All Western Mass. standout at Springfield's Cathedral High School. Freshman **Erik Consilvio** also had a good pre-season camp. Junior **David Carabin** and freshmen **Brendon Sullivan, Bob Arnett**, and **Tim Schmitt** complete the receiving unit. The top tight end candidate is sophomore **Kevin "Chaos" Vaughn** of Chicopee Comp. The 5-10, 220-pounder earned the berth on the basis of his blocking and catching skills. **Brian Matuszko** of South Deerfield, a junior transfer from Norwich, is a big target at 6-5, 245-pounds who also may see action at defensive end. Sophomore **Tom Walsh** is a 6-1, 270-pounder who saw action at fullback in '99.

Offensive Backs

With the Owl coaching staff tinkering with the offense, sophomore **Jesse Phelps** has been selected the starting quarterback over incumbent senior **Chris Bourget**. Phelps saw very limited action last season, but Marino has always liked the Greenfield native's size (6-1, 200) and running ability. Senior **John Frasco** also may get a considerable amount snaps in the sprint/option offensive attack to take advantage of his athleticism and speed. Frasco played tight end last season and caught four passes, all for touchdowns. Bourget gives the Owls experience and depth, and he has the ability to put points on the board in a hurry with his downfield passing. Frasco also may see action at tailback in a running and pass-catching role. The Owls are thin at this position with only two players on the depth chart. Junior **Shawn Lyman** of West Springfield has the potential to rush for 1,000 yards if he can stay healthy. He rushed for 524 yards on 130 carries his first two years at Westfield. Sophomore **Marcil McNeil** was a standout at Enfield's Enrico Fermi High School; he is a transfer from Catawba College, a Division II school in North Carolina. The Owls have a pair of 5-10, 230 junior fullbacks with experience. **P.J. Lorentzen** returns as starter, while **John Cloutier** is a transfer from Springfield College. Cloutier was a two-time All Western Mass. player at Chicopee High School.

Defensive Line

The defensive front is young and untested. Four of the eight players are freshmen, and the only upperclassman is senior standout **Tim Corr**. The 6-4, 205-pound end has a big junior season when he posted team highs of 10 sacks, 16 tackles for losses, two fumble recoveries, three blocked kicks, three fumbles caused and seven pass hurries. Corr was the team's second-leading tackler with 75 stops. Sophomore **Tim Macchi** is starting at the other defensive end. Junior **Derek Jeppe**, who saw action at fullback and linebacker his first two seasons, has been moved to the interior line. Marino is high on freshman down lineman **Stevie Faniel**, a 6-1, 260-pounder from Wareham. Sophomores **Mark Howard** and **Jaret Foley** may see considerable action on the defensive front. The 6-2, 260-pound Foley also is slated to play at linebacker.

Linebackers

Heading into the season this was one of the Owls' strongest position for starters, with senior **Ken Stewart** and sophomore **Mike Hurteau** ranked first and third, respectively, in tackles a year ago. Hurteau, however, has been ordered by his doctor to sit out this season because of mononucleosis. Sophomore **Dan Fitzgerald** and Foley started in the season opener.

Defensive Backs

Experienced returning players include junior strong safety **Ryan Clifford**, senior free safety **Mike Caron**, and junior cornerbacks **Al Gates** and **Kyle Kostanski**. Clifford, however, broke his foot in the season opener and is sidelined for the season. Gates and Kostanski combined for three interceptions a year ago, but each only played half of last season because of injuries. **Aaron Ragland**, a Springfield Central and Holyoke Community College graduate, is a talented junior who will see considerable playing time. Providing depth are sophomore **Jason Olivari**, a converted wide receiver, and freshman **Luke Russell**.

Specialty Teams

John Frasco is slated to handle all of the kicking duties this season. He was the team's punter in 1998 and averaged 34.6 yards. Last season he converted 21 of 27 PATs and two field goals. Entering the season opener, the Owls had not established any returners for the special teams. Players to watch are: **Al Gates** and **David Eaton**.

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Football Squad Edged By Fitchburg State, 7-3

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WESTFIELD - Junior fullback Steve Maze of Quincy rushed for 114 yards on 25 carries and scored the game's only touchdown to lead Fitchburg State to a 7-3 New England Football Conference victory over Westfield State.

Fitchburg is 1-1 overall and 1-0 in the Bogan Division of the NEFC. The Owls dropped to 0-2 and 0-1.

Maze's four-yard touchdown run with 6:06 left in the third quarter capped a five-play, 32-yard drive for the Falcons. The TD drive was set up by senior linebacker Jason Smith's outstanding one-handed interception near the sidelines.

Westfield scored on its first offensive series of the game on a 21-yard field goal by John Frasco. The score was set up when Chris Bourget completed a 43-yard reception to David Eaton to the Fitchburg two-yard line on Westfield's first offensive play.

It was one of the few bright spots for the Owls as they were held to 123 net yards in total offense. Junior running back Shawn Lyman of West Springfield rushed for 84 yards on 22 carries.

The Owls did threaten to score following Maze's touchdown, moving the ball to the Fitchburg 18-yard line midway through the final quarter. But a holding call against Westfield during a pass completion to the 11 stalled the drive.

Fitchburg senior quarterback Nino DeCarolis completed 9 of 23 passes, with all but two attempts coming in the first half. The Falcons committed four turnovers, all in the first half.

Defensive standouts for Westfield were Tim Corr (12 tackles, 11 solos, two sacks); Dan Fitzgerald (10 tackles); Al Gates (8 tackles, two pass breakups; and Jaret Foley (seven tackles, one interception).

Cross Country Highlights

NORTH DARTMOUTH - The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams finished 14th and 19th, respectively, at the U-Mass Dartmouth Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 16.

Sophomore Tom Bousquet of Chicopee was the first Westfield runner to cross the finish line, placing 36th in 26:47 over the five-mile course. He was followed by Jason Pappas (59th, 27:25); Andy Krantz (86th, 28:27); and Eric Nygard (88th, 28:30).

Trinity College won the meet with 63 points followed by New Haven with 74. Salem State's Dan Smith was the individual champion with a 25:18 clocking.

In the women's race, Westfield's top runner was Southwick's Starr Hockenberry (106th, 21:15), followed by Kristi Popoff (109th, 21:16); Catie Geldert (114th, 21:24); Sara Sechovicz (156th, 22:23), and Laura Hurley (164th, 22:36).

Springfield standout Barbara Swallow won the 3.1 mile race is 17:41. Brandeis claimed the women's team title followed by Amherst.

Ken Stewart, left, and Al Gates (23) have been mainstays for the Westfield State football team's defense this season.

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Field Hockey Goes Overtime In Losses

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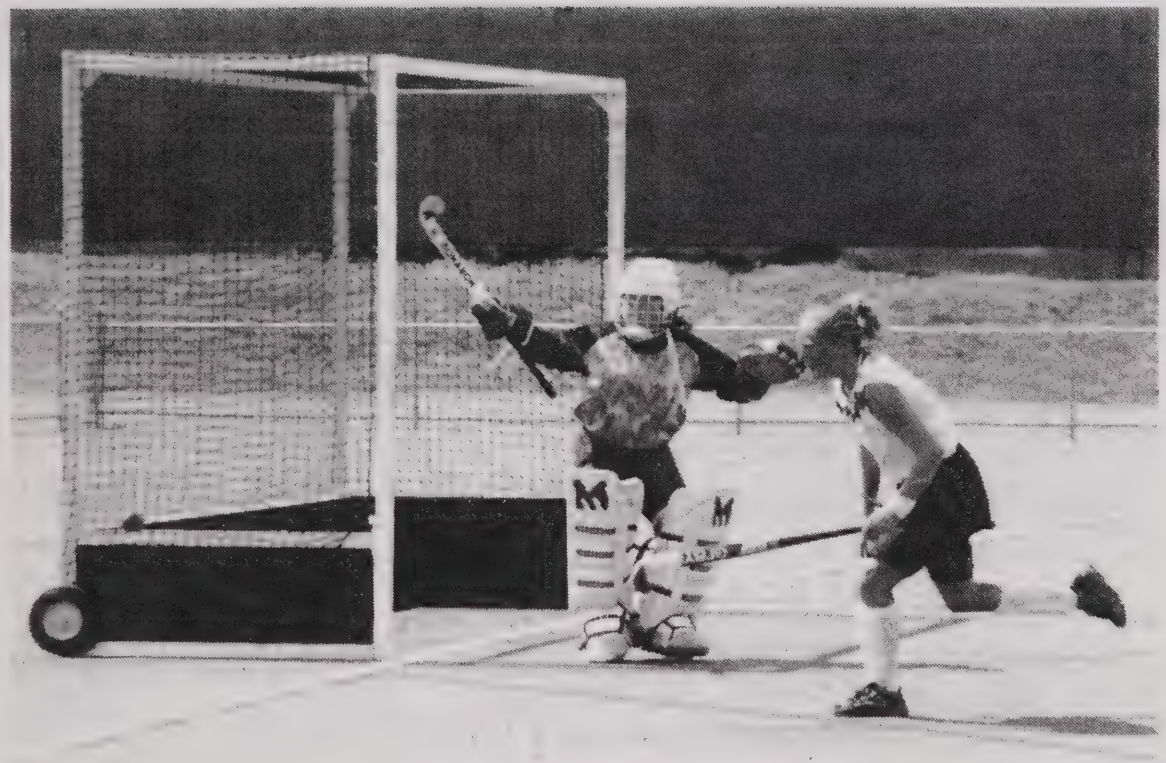

Westfield State sophomore goalkeeper Jill Annunciata patrols the area between the pipes during a recent field hockey game.

File Photo By Mickey Curtis

Plymouth 3 - Westfield 2, OT

The Westfield State College field hockey team suffered a 3-2 overtime loss to Plymouth State.

Westfield is 2-4 overall and 0-2 in the Little East Conference following its second straight conference overtime setback. Plymouth State is 2-3 overall and 2-0 in conference play.

Sophomore Jill Matteson, a 5-11 forward from Chatham, Mass., carried the ball left to right across the field and scored the game-winning goal from 10 yards out with 10:46 left in the first overtime.

Plymouth State came back from 1-0 and 2-1 first-half deficits for the key road victory.

Juniors Mary Bishop of Enfield and Nikki Girolamo scored for the Owls. Credited with assists were Teri Phipps, Sara Monahan and senior captain Brooke Wadhams.

So. Maine 1 - Westfield 0, OT

GORHAM, Me. - The University of Southern Maine outscored Westfield State in the second series of penalty strokes to gain a 1-0 victory in a Little East Conference field hockey game on Saturday, Sept. 16.

The game was scoreless through 70 minutes of regulation play and two 15-minute sudden death overtime periods before being decided on penalty strokes. I the first series of five penal strokes, neither team could put shot past the goalies.

In the second series of stroke Southern Maine's Brittan McClure and Sasha Ilkovich, th Huskies' first two shooters, p shots past Westfield sophomo goalie Jill Annunciata. Only juni Teri Phipps, Westfield's secon shooter, was able to get the ba past junior keeper Andrea Guerett

Annunciata finished with 1 saves, and stopped seven of th nine penalty strokes she faced.

The win snapped Southe Maine's two-game losing strea and improved its record to 4-3.

Westfield 4 - Elms 0

The Westfield State fiel hockey team evened its record at 2 with a 4-0 home victory ov Elms College.

Westfield's first goal cam with 10 minutes remaining in th first half; scoring was freshma Theresa Yacovone of Ea Longmeadow.

The Owls scored with 48 se onds left in the half and twice in th first 10 minutes of the secon stanza. Junior Alison Pratt of Fee ing Hills and freshman B.J. Dio of Waltham both tallied a goal an an assist.

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Langley Leads WNEC By Owls, 26-(In Opener

SPRINGFIELD - Marvin La gley rushed for 237 yards and thr touchdowns to power Western Ne England College to a 26-6 victo over Westfield State in the footba season opener.

Langley also caught two pass for 72 yards to give him 309 al purpose yards. His first receptic covered 62 yards and came (WNEC's first play of the game. set up his first touchdown, a tw yard plunge with 9:54 left in tl first quarter.

Langley also scored on a 2 yard scamper early in the secor quarter to stake the Bears to a 12 halftime lead. WNEC led 19-0 on 19-yard pass from quarterback Ma Sotherden to tight end Eric Du ning with 4:39 left in the third qua ter.

Westfield's only score - a thre yard run by West Springfield Shawn Lyman with 10:01 left the game - was set up by Jas Olivari's 30-yard interception r turn to the WNEC 6-yard line.

The Owls struggled offe sively, with only 52 yards in tot offense. Freshman wide receiv Matt Yvon of Springfield Cath dral had the Owls' only three pa receptions.

Olivari also interecepted a pa in the first half. Another defensi standout for the Owls was seni lineback Ken Stewart with 16 tac les (two solos); he also tipped t intercepted pass that set u Westfield's score.

The Owls' next game is Satu day, Sept. 23, when they play Mass. Maritime Academy.

Westfield State junior Katie Simlick of Enfield, Conn., was named Mas State Conference Player of the Week for leading the Owls to victories ov Salem State and Fitchburg State.

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Volleyball Team Wins Conference Openers

FITCHBURG - The Westfield State women's volleyball team opened Mass. State Conference action with straight set victories over Fitchburg State and Salem State.

The Owls swept Salem State 15-6, 15-7, 15-3, and Fitchburg State 15-6, 15-3, 15-3. Salem rallied past Fitchburg in the other match, 8-15, 14-16, 15-13, 16-4, 15-11.

Junior Katie Simlick of Enfield totaled three aces, 18 kills, two blocks and 12 digs in the two victories. Senior Larissa Farrell had s service aces, seven kills, and thr blocks. Junior Sarah Cormier co tributed 30 sets and five kills, whi sophomore Katelyn Foley had kills.

Williams Sweeps Westfield

WILLIAMSTOWN - Williar College defeated the Westfield Sta women's volleyball team in straig sets 15-6, 15-2, 15-4.

Westfield is now 2-2 overall.

Congratulations, Coach Whalley, Westfield State Alumnus of Year

Westfield State men's soccer head coach Paul Whalley received a prestigious honor last Thursday as he was named the 2000 Westfield State College Alumnus of the Year during convocation. The 1975 Westfield State graduate is co-owner of Whalley Computer Associates in Southwick. He was a senior captain on the 1974 Westfield State College team that placed third in the NCAA DIvision III national championships. Above, Whalley is shown chasing down the ball in an early 70s game when varsity soccer was played on the campus green. *Westfield State Athletics Department File Photos*

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Keene State Spoils Coach's Return

Women's Soccer
Keene State 3 - Westfield 0

KEENE, N.H. - Keene State blanked Westfield, 3-0 in a nonconference women's soccer game last Wednesday.

Keene improved to 3-4-1 with its second straight victory. Westfield State, which is coached by former Keene State All-America Heather Boisvere of West Springfield, is 2-3.

Keene capitalized on its two scoring opportunities in the first half. Lauren Dayne's first goal of the season gave Keene a 1-0 lead when her shot ricochet off the far post and into the net. Sarah Nordle made it 2-0 six minutes later on a penalty kick.

Tia Meiler added an insurance goal late in the game with blast from 23 yards out; it was her team-high seventh goal this season.

Keene outshot Westfield, 11-3.

Despite the loss, Boisvere enjoyed her return to Keene State.

"It was a great feeling to come back here," she said. "We didn't perform as well as they have in the past, but we have a young team and we're looking to build."

Westfield 2 - Smith 0

The Westfield State women's soccer team won its second straight game by shutting out Smith College, 2-0 on Sept. 16.

Junior Joy Flaherty of Bridgewater scored the game-winning goal on a scramble in front of the net 4:21 into the contest. Assisting on the goal was senior Erin Reardon of Southampton.

Freshman Jessica Silva of Reading added an insurance goal with 11 minutes remaining in the game.

Home Games This Week

Tuesday, Sept. 26
Men's Soccer vs. WNEC, 7:00

Wednesday, Sept. 27
Field Hockey vs. Fitchburg State, 7:00

Saturday, Sept. 30
Women's Soccer vs. Worcester State, 3:00

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Men's Soccer Wins 2-0; Loses 2-0

Keene State College scored two quick goals in the first half to defeat the Westfield State men's soccer team, 2-0, in a battle between two of New England's top Division III teams on Sept. 20.

Keene, ranked sixth in New England, is 6-2 overall. Westfield is now 3-2 and ranked ninth in New England.

Robby Carson scored the game-winning goal after Westfield goalie D.J. Conway made a save out in front then couldn't locate the ball, which was right beside him. A Westfield defender cleared the ball; however, it went right to Carson who nailed the game-winner straight on from 20 yards out 14:22 into the game.

Senior forward Lakota Denton of Bernardston (Pioneer Valley High School) scored on a penalty kick seven minutes later for an insurance goal.

Keene outshot Westfield, 20-11.

Westfield State 2
Eastern Connnecticut 0

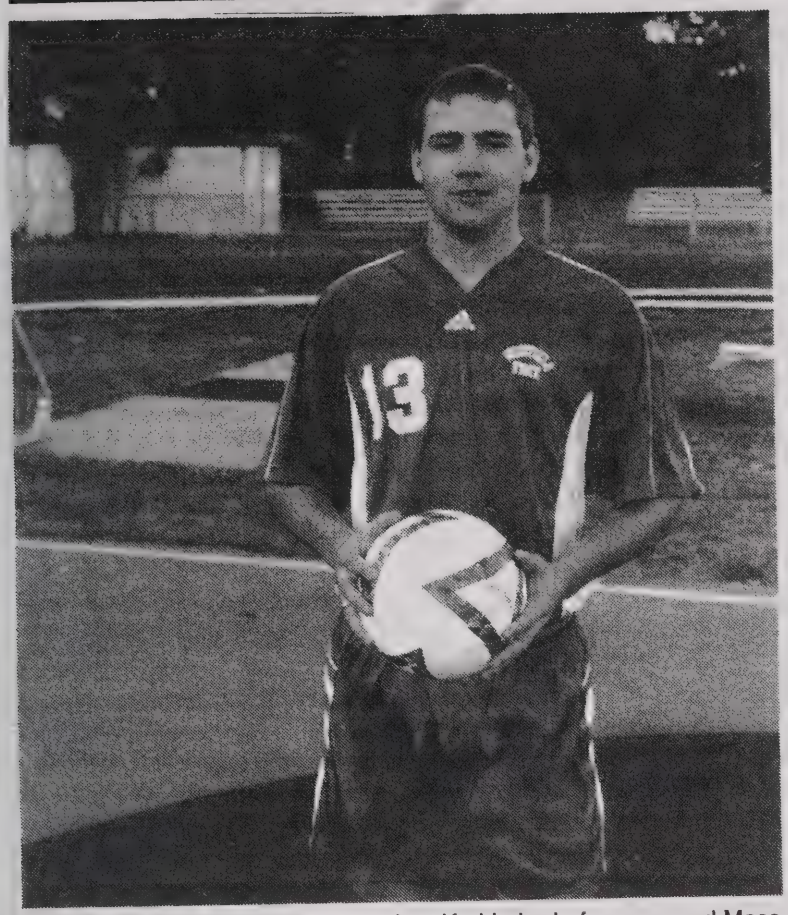
The Westfield State College men's soccer team posted a 2-0 home victory over Eastern Connecticut State on Monday, Sept. 18.

The Owls own a 3-1 record heading into their big home game this Wednesday vs. Keene State. Keene State is ranked sixth in this week's New England Division III poll; Westfield State is ranked ninth.

Senior Karl Labadorf scored the game-winning goal at the 23-minute mark on a 10-yard blast from the left side. Senior Chris Machado assisted on the goal.

Westfield scored an insurance tally at the 60-minute mark on a header by Edgar Ortiz following a long missed shot that deflected off the keeper's hands.

Westfield outshot the visitors, 18-6. Westfield goalie Nick Ammendolia had five saves.



Westfield State men's soccer standout Karl Labadorf was named Mass. State Conference Player of the Week for scoring the game-winning goals in victories over Eastern Connecticut and Endicott. It was the fourth time in his four-year collegiate career that he has earned Player of the Week honors. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Bourget's Goals Lead Owls To Win

FITCHBURG - Sophomore Janet Bourget of Holden scored two first-half goals to lead Westfield State to a 3-0 victory over Fitchburg State in the Mass. State Conference opener for both teams.

Junior Joy Flaherty added a goal in the second half for the Owls, who evened their overall record at 3-3. Freshman keeper Sara Barrows of Hadley posted her first career shutout.

Brandeis 4 - Westfield 1

WALTHAM - Brandeis used goals from four different players as to defeat Westfield State, 4-1, in a rain-soaked women's soccer game last Tuesday.

Junior forward Emily Purswell opened the scoring for Brandeis with her team-leading fifth goal of the season. Six minutes into the game she took a pass from her teammate and sister, Melissa Purswell, and scored past the diving keeper.

Brandeis opened up the the game in the second half. Sophomore forward Sarah Davis scored a goal off a cross pass through traffic from midfielder Julie Golomb. The freshman Golomb then added a goal of her own, a shot from 20 yards out midway through the half. Senior captain Rebecca Lacher later scored on a penalty kick.

Westfield's lone goal came off a free kick by freshman Ali Jordan with 13 minutes remaining.

Men's Soccer Shuts Out WNEC; Tops Endicott, 4-2

The Westfield State College men's soccer team rolled to a 4-0 home victory over Western New England College last Tuesday evening.

Westfield improved to 5-2 heading into its Mass. State Conference opener this past Friday night at Worcester State. WNEC dropped to 0-6-1.

Senior forward Andrew Lewis led Westfield's balanced attack with a goal and an assist. Lewis scored the Owls' first goal 23 minutes into the game following nice passes from Chris Machado and David Gadouas.

Junior Hugo Destapado scored later in the half to stake the Owls to a 2-0 lead at intermission. Scoring second-half tallies were sophomore Chris Whalley of Southwick and junior Tim Cranson of Montgomery (Gateway Regional).

Westfield outshot the visitors, 21-7. WNEC goalie Bryce Hardy had a number of spectacular saves among his 15 stops. Westfield senior keeper Nick Ammendolia also played well between the pipes with seven saves.

Westfield 4 - Endicott 2

BEVERLY - The Westfield State men's soccer team jumped out to a 3-0 first-half lead in defeating Endicott College, 4-2, on Saturday, Sept. 23.

Senior standout Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham, sophomore Edgar Ortiz of Salem, and junior Tim Cranson of Montgomery scored the first-half goals.

Endicott rallied to make the score 3-2 on a penalty kick late in the first half and a goal early in the second half. Senior Andrew Lewis scored an insurance goal for Westfield with 10 minutes left in the game.

Football Squad Drops Heartbreaker To Mass Maritime On Final Play

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BUZZARDS BAY - Senior Jay Miller of Plymouth kicked an 18-yard field goal as time expired to give Mass Maritime Academy a thrilling 9-7 Homecoming football victory over Westfield State.

Mass Maritime is now 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the Bogan Division of the New England Football Conference. Westfield is 0-3 overall and 0-2 in the division.

"That was a very exciting game and a tough loss for our players," said coach Steve Marino. "I was especially proud of the way our defense played."

With no timeouts, Mass Martime took over at its own 42 with 2:02 remaining in the game. The Buccaneers managed the clock effectively, picking up several first downs before stopping the clock by running out of bounds.

With 12 seconds remaining, Westfield stopped Mass Maritime on a third-down rush attempt from the one-yard line. On the final play of the frantic finish, Miller booted the ball high and straight through the uprights to spoil the Owls' upset bid. Miller - who also is captain of the Mass Maritime varsity soccer team - missed 26 and 25-yard field attempts earlier in the game.

Westfield took a 7-6 lead with 13:14 left in the game on a two-yard touchdown run by Shawn Lyman of West Springfield. John Frasco of Chicopee kicked the all-important extra point. Westfield's scoring drive covered 80 yards with key receptions to Frasco (39 yards) and sophomore tight end Kevin Vaughn of Chicopee (24 yards).

Mass Maritime led 6-0 at the end of the turnover-filled first half on a one-yard TD plunge by senior quarterback Joe O'Malley. Westfield defensive end Tim Corr blocked the extra point attempt.

Mass Maritime junior running back David Burrill led all ball carriers with 169 yards on 32 rushes despite missing most of the fourth quarter. There were 10 turnovers in the game, five by each team and nine in the first half.

Senior strong safety Al Gates of Ludlow led the inspired Westfield defense with 13 games (11 solos), a sack, a fumble recovery, and an interception.

Gates was one of five Owls with 10 or more tackles as Mass Maritime ran an amazing 88 plays in the hard-fought contest.

Linebackers Ken Stewart (16 tackles), Dan Fitzgerald (12), and Jaret Foley (10), and Corr (10) also stood out defensively.

Cross Country Competes At Codfish

BOSTON - The Westfield State men's and women's cross country team competed in the prestigious Codfish Bowl Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Franklin Park in Boston.

The men's team finished 12th in the 18-team field. Tufts won the meet with 66 points, followed by MIT (77) and Trinity (78).

Sophomore Tom Bousquet was Westfield's top runner, finishing 35th with a time of 26:59.

He was followed by Jason Pappas (54th, 27:26), Andy Krantz (116th, 28:49), Nick Wlodyka (127th, 29:05), and Eric Nygard (131st, 29:08).

Dan Feldman of MIT won the race with a time of 25:11.

Westfield finished 14th in the 14-team women's race, which was won by Amherst College. Bates' Leslie Crofton was the individual winner with an 18:31 clocking.

Starr Hockenberry of Southwick was Westfield's top finisher (93rd, 21:37), followed by Catie Geldert (103rd, 21:53), Kristi Popoff (104th, 21:55), Sara Sechovicz (135th, 23:02), and Miranda Osgood (139th, 23:16).

Home Games This Week

Tuesday, Oct. 3

Volleyball vs. Mass Maritime, 6:00
Women's Soccer vs. Eastern Conn., 7:00

Saturday, Oct. 7

Football vs. Maine Maritime, 1:00
Men's Soccer vs. Salem, 6:00

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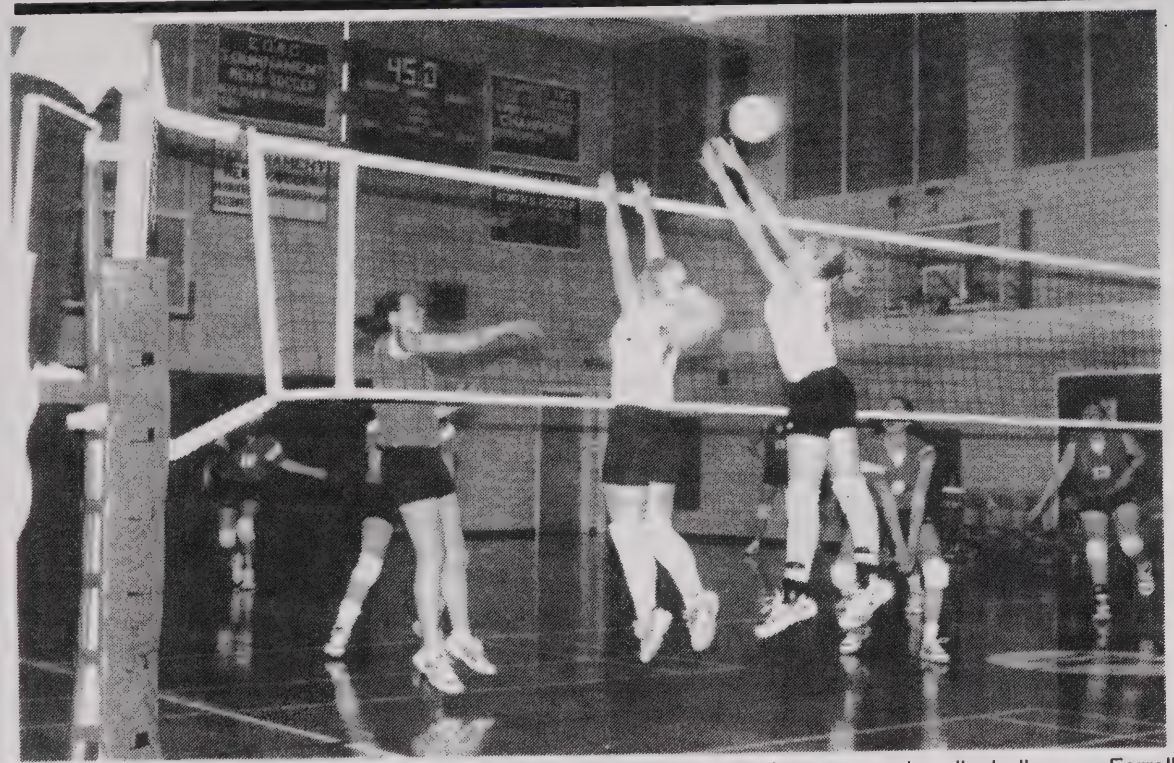

Westfield State senior Larissa Farrell, right, goes high to block a shot during a women's volleyball game. Farrell was named to the Mass. State Conference honor roll last week for leading Westfield to a 3-2 victory over Keene State to avenge an opening-season loss.

File Photo By Mickey Curtis

Volleyball Sweeps Mass. College To Stay Unbeaten In Conference

NORTH ADAMS - The Westfield State College women's volleyball team swept conference foe Mass. College of Liberal Arts in straight sets, 15-6, 15-10, 15-3.

The Owls are now 3-0 in the Mass. State Conference and 4-3 overall.

Katie Simlick, a junior from Enfield, Conn., had nine kills and four service aces. Freshman Michelle Sanchioni, also from Enfield, totaled three aces and nine sets. Junior Sarah Cormier contributed two aces, two kills and 10 sets in two games.

Westfield Splits

SOUTH HADLEY - The Westfield State women's volleyball team earned a split in a tri-match at Mt. Holyoke College.

The Owls outlasted Keene State 4-15, 15-10, 15-9, 8-15, 15-13 to avenge an season-opening loss to the New Hampshire college. Mt. Holyoke swept Westfield, 4-15, 9-15, 3-15.

Sophomore Katelyn Foley had 11 kills in the big win over Keene State. Junior Katie Simlick of Enfield totaled 10 kills and five digs, while classmate Sarah Cormier had 34 sets and three blocks. Senior

Larissa Farrell played well defensively with six digs and five blocks; she also contributed three service aces and seven kills.

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Pratt Foils Fitchburg Again In Overtime Field Hockey Game

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By Mickey Curtis, SID

With Alison Pratt in its starting lineup, the Westfield State field hockey team knew its chances of winning were very good.

For the second straight season in a key Mass. State Conference game vs. Fitchburg State, Pratt scored the game-winning goal in overtime to lead the Owls to 1-0 home victory last Wednesday.

The junior midfielder from nearby Agawam High School scored with 6:52 left in the first overtime to give the Owls a sudden-goal victory in the well-played contest between the pre-season conference favorites.

Pratt scored just outside the left post after taking a pass from classmate Teri Phipps. Pratt also scored the gamewinner on a similar shot last season in a 1-0 overtime victory over Fitchburg that clinched the 1999 Mass. State Conference championship for the Owls.

Westfield improved to 4-4 overall in winning its Mass. State Conference opener. Fitchburg is 5-2 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

"I told the team at halftime that even though this was our first (conference) game that it very well may decide the Mass. State Conference championship," said Westfield State coach Heather Cabral.

"We're starting to come around," added the second-year coach, who was the Conference Player of the Year for the Owls during her senior season in 1991. "We have a good mixture of freshmen and upperclassmen and they are starting to play well together. Our best game of the season was vs. WPI (a 4-0 victory on Sept. 23)."

Eight players have gotten into the scoring act for the Owls, led by the Waltham freshmen connection of B.J. Dion and Renee Gahan, the team's leading scorers with nine and seven points, respectively. Phipps and Pratt both have six points, followed by juniors Mary Bishop and Sarah Monahan with five apiece.

The Owls also have received point production from senior captain Brooke Wadhams, freshman Theresa Yacovone, and junior Nikki Girolamo.

Fitchburg freshman goalie Angela Buffington had an outstanding game with 10 saves. Westfield State goalie Jill Annunciata made seven saves while posting her third shutout of the season.

"Both teams played well," said Cabral. "And Fitchburg's goalie made some great saves; I don't know how she got to some of those shots."

Westfield 4 - WPI 0

Freshmen Renee Gahan and B.J. Dion, both from Waltham, led Westfield State to a 4-0 field hockey victory over Worcester Polytech.

Gahan scored both of Westfield's first-half goals. Dion assisted the second score, then tallied a goal early in the second half to stake the 3-4 Owls to a comfortable 3-0 lead.

WPI's record is now 3-2.

TAKE A KID TO THE GAME

Women's Soccer Posts Big Victories

Sophomore midfielder Janet Bourget of Holden (Wachusett Regional) scored two goals to lead the Westfield State women's soccer team to a 2-1 nonconference home victory over Eastern Connecticut State on Wednesday night.

Westfield is 5-5 overall while Eastern Connecticut is 5-4-1. Eastern Connecticut is ranked 10th in this week's New England Division III poll.

Eastern Connecticut scored four minutes into the game on a 30-yard direct kick by senior standout Pam Neff. Bourget tied the score seven minutes later on a penalty kick.

Bourget scored the game winner early in the second half on a 25-yard blast that just went over the goalie's outstretched hands. Assisting on the goal was senior Erin Reardon of Southampton.

Bourget also scored two goals in Westfield's key conference victory this past Saturday that knocked Worcester State from the unbeaten ranks.

Eastern Connecticut outshot Westfield, 12-8. Westfield freshman goalie Sara Barrows made seven saves.

Westfield 3 - Worcester State 1

The Westfield State women's soccer team posted a big 3-1 home victory over Worcester State on Saturday, Sept. 30.

The Owls improved to 2-0 in the Mass. State Conference and 4-5 overall. It was the first loss of the season for Worcester State (7-1-1).

All of the scoring took place in the second half. Sophomore Megan McMann scored five minutes into the half following a pass from freshman A.J. DelMonte of Chicopee.

Sophomore Janet Bourget scored the next two goals for the Owls. Her successful penalty kick gave Westfield a 2-0 lead with 25:24 remaining. She scored five minutes later on a wide open shot after receiving a pass to the middle of the field from McCann.

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Westfield State sophomore midfielder Janet Bourget, right, battles for the ball with a Smith College player during a recent game. Bourget scored a total of four goals in big victories over Worcester State and Eastern Connecticut State. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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Football Squad Handles Framingham For First Win, 28-14

FRAMINGHAM - Junior Shawn Lyman of West Springfield rushed for two touchdowns and 124 yards on 30 carries to lead Westfield State to a 28-14 New England Football Conference victory over Framingham State.

It was the first victory of the season for the Owls, who are 1-3 overall and 1-2 in the NEFC Bogan Division. Framingham dropped to 1-4 overall.

Westfield dominated the first half - compiling 230 yards in total offense to Framingham's 75 - and led 21-0 at intermission. Lyman ran for one-yard touchdowns midway through the first and second quarters.

Westfield scored with 1:08 left in the first half on a 26-yard pass from senior quarterback John Frasco (Chicopee) to freshman wide receiver Matt Yvon. The former Springfield Cathedral standout was Westfield's leading receiver with five catches for 86 yards.

Framingham finally got on the scoreboard with 28 seconds left in the third quarter on a 76-yard pass-run play from standout quarterback Luke Callahan to receiver Abe Bascon.

Westfield scored four minutes later on a 19-yard scamper by Frasco, who finished with 33 yards rushing on seven carries and completed 8 of 16 passes for 133 yards. Frasco also converted all four extra point attempts and punted six times for a 41.8 average.

Framingham scored with 3:15 remaining on an 18-yard scramble by Callahan. The Framingham native completed 21 of 38 passes for 304 yards and rushed for 27 net yards on 23 carries. Callahan, however, was sacked eight times and intercepted twice.

Defensive standouts for Westfield were junior down lineman John Cloutier of Chicopee with two sacks and a fumble recovery, and end Tim Corr with nine tackles, including four for losses and two sacks.

Cross Country Competes In New York

GENESEO, N.Y. - The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams competed in the 20th Annual SUNY-Geneseo Invitational on Sept. 30.

The Westfield men finished eighth in the nine-team meet with 178 points. Springfield won the meet with 67 points, followed by Houghton College (68) and the host school (70).

Jason Pappas placed 15th for Westfield with a time of 28:14.05. Sophomore Tom Bousquet of Chicopee was 27th in 29:07.92 and freshman Andy Krantz finished 42nd in 30:16.75. Patrick Weaver of Houghton won the race in 26:44.79.

The Westfield women finished sixth in the eight-team field with 174 points. Ithaca College won the meet with 27 points followed by Geneseo with 34.

Westfield's top finisher was Southwick's Starr Hockenberry, who placed 37th in 22:57.91. Geneseo's Jen Rettke posted the winning time of 19:25.63.

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Volleyball 4-0 In Conference

The Westfield State women's volleyball team coasted to an easy straight set victory over winless Mass. Maritime Academy.

Westfield improved to 4-0 in the Mass. State Conference and 5-5 overall.

Freshman Michelle Sanchioni of Enfield totaled three service aces and nine assists for the Owls. Sarah Cormier contributed two aces, two kills, and 10 sets. Freshman Leah Schmidt had six kills.

Amherst Invitational

AMHERST - The Amherst College volleyball team steamrolled through the Amherst Invitational with a pair of three-game victories, defeating Westfield State (15-10, 15-5, 15-4) and Coast Guard to improve to 13-1 on the season.

In the other matchup, Coast Guard defeated Westfield State 15-11, 15-0, 6-15, 15-10.

Behind senior Larissa Farrell of Ashfield, who finished with a match-high nine kills, the Owls stayed close in the opening game, before a 5-1 Amherst run opened up a 13-7 lead.

Men's Soccer Drops Close Games

Worcester State 2 - Westfield 1

WORCESTER - Sophomore Greg Bennett scored a pair of unassisted goals to lead Worcester State to a 2-1 conference victory over the Westfield State men's soccer team.

Worcester State is 7-2 overall and 1-0 in the Mass. State Conference. Westfield is 5-3 and 0-1.

Bennett scored nine minutes into the game and 30 seconds into the second half. Westfield scored with 14 minutes remaining in the game on a goal by Karl Labadorf; Chris Whalley assisted.

Rivier 1 - Westfield 0

NASHUA, N.H. - Ernest Baah scored an unassisted goal with 12 minutes remaining in the game to give Rivier College a 1-0 men's soccer victory over Westfield State.

Rivier's record improved to 7-4, while the Owls dropped to 5-4 heading into their big conference home game on Saturday vs. Salem State.

The Owls outshot Rivier, 28-12, but couldn't find the net as they suffered their second straight loss. Westfield goalie Nick Ammendolia had five saves.

Field Hockey Team Moves Into Top Spot

Westfield 4 - Worcester State 1

WORCESTER - The Westfield State field hockey team registered an impressive 4-1 victory over Worcester State on Wednesday night.

The Owls are 6-4 overall and 3-0 in the conference with two MASCAC games remaining. Worcester State is 2-1 in the MASCAC.

Westfield led 1-0 at halftime on a goal by junior Mary Bishop. Freshman standout B.J. Dion of Waltham made the score 2-0 with a goal early in the second half.

Worcester closed to within one, 2-1, with 27:24 remaining. Dion and Sarah Monahan then tallied insurance goals for the Owls of second-year coach Heather Cabral.

Westfield 3 - Framingham 1

FRAMINGHAM - Two freshmen from Waltham led Westfield State to it 3-1 conference victory over Framingham State.

Renee Gahan scored the first two goals and classmate B.J. Dion added an insurance goal as the Owls improved to 5-4 overall and 2-0 in the Mass. State Conference.

All of the scoring took place in the second half. The scrappy and undermanned Framingham squad cut the lead to 2-1 on a goal with 19:32 remaining in the game.

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Football Squad Rolls To Convincing Win Over Maine, 47-8

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WESTFIELD - Senior quarterback John Frasco of Chicopee accounted for 194 yards of total offense and three touchdowns to lead Westfield State College to a 47-8 New England Football Conference victory over Maine Maritime Academy.

Westfield State is 2-3 overall and 2-2 in the Bogan Division of the NEFC. Maine Maritime remains winless at 0-5. It was Westfield's second straight victory after they had struggled to score points in the opening three games.

"The kids are young, but they're getting better and I'm really proud of them," said veteran coach Steve Marino. "This is not a great team on talent, but it is hardworking."

Frasco executed the offense to perfection as the Owls led 47-0 with 3:10 left in the third quarter. He completed 7 of 9 passes for 124 yards and two touchdowns, and rushed eight times for 70 yards and a touchdown.

Frasco completed a six-yard scoring pass to sophomore tight end Kevin Vaughn of Chicopee Comp with 3:51 left in the first quarter. Frasco then kicked his first of five extra points for a 7-0 Westfield lead. The TD was set up when Westfield recovered a fumble on a botched Maine Maritime punt attempt at the Mariner eight.

Frasco also threw a 27-yard touchdown pass to freshman wide receiver Matt Yvon early in the third quarter. Less than two minutes later, Frasco rambled for a beautiful 57-yard touchdown jaunt, cutting across the field and eluding numerous defenders.

"We knew we had to do a lot better than we had in the first couple of games," said Frasco. "We started to come alive after defeating Framingham (28-14)."

The Owls led 26-0 at halftime as they struck for three second-quarter scores. Junior Shawn Lyman of West Springfield (21 carries, 105 yards) rushed for touchdowns of 1 and 8 yards. Standout senior defensive end Tim Corr capped the first-half onslaught by returning an intercepted pass 22 yards for a touchdown.

Bourget's Hat Trick Leads Women's Soccer Past Salem; Owls Fall To Framingham

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SALEM - Sophomore Janet Bourget of Holden (Wachusett Regional) scored all three goals to lift the Westfield State women's soccer team to a key road victory at Salem State.

The Owls are 6-6 overall and 3-0 in the Mass. State Conference. Westfield is tied with Framingham State for first place in the conference; the two teams will square off in Westfield on Tuesday, Oct. 10, at 7:00 p.m.

Bourget recorded her hat trick in a 14-minute span. She put the Owls up 1-0 with 2:31 left in the first half when she found the upper left corner from 15 yards out after receiving a pass from senior midfielder Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield.

Bourget scored seven minutes into the second half when she blasted a shot into the upper half of the Salem net from 20 yards out off a feed from freshman forward Jessica Silva. Bourget completed her hat trick less than five minutes later, with an assist going to junior midfielder Joy Flaherty.

Bourget also scored two goals in a 2-1 victory over Eastern Connecticut, which had been ranked 10th in New England entering the game. She now has a team-high nine goals.

Framingham 2 - Westfield 0

Kristine O'Coin, a 5-11 sophomore forward, scored the game-winning goal and added an assist to lead Framingham State to a 2-0 victory over Westfield State in a key Mass. State Conference women's soccer game.

Framingham improved to 10-1 overall and 4-0 in the conference. Westfield is 3-1 in the conference and 6-7 overall.

O'Coin scored 13 minutes into the game following a rebound in front of the net. She assisted on freshman Jennifer Volo's goal early in the second half.

Framingham outshot Westfield, 14-11. Westfield goalie Meghan McHale had 10 saves.

Home Games This Week

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Women's Soccer vs. Mass. College, 7:00

Volleyball vs. Amherst, 7:00

Thursday, Oct. 19

Women's Soccer vs. Plymouth State, 7:00

Saturday, Oct. 21

Mass. State Conference

Cross Country Championships, 11:00 a.m.

Field Hockey vs. Bridgewater State, 3:00

Volleyball Results

Lasell 3 - Westfield 2

Lasell College edged Westfield State, 3-2, in an exciting women's volleyball game. The game scores were: 15-8, 15-17, 15-13, 7-15, 20-18.

Westfield State rallied from a 12-8 deficit in the fifth game to take leads of 15-14 and 18-17, but couldn't close out the match.

Sophomore Katelyn Foley had 18 kills for Westfield, followed by junior Katie Simlick with 17 kills and sophomore Tasha Goulet with nine kills.

Lasell College is now 10-12. Westfield is 6-6 overall and 4-0 in the conference.

Westfield 3 - WNEC 1

SPRINGFIELD - The Westfield State women's volleyball team outlasted WNEC, 3-1. The game scores were: 15-9, 4-15, 15-11, 15-11.

Senior Larissa Farrell of Ashfield (Mohawk Regional) totaled 10 kills, eight digs, and seven blocks, including five solos. Sophomore Kaitlyn Foley had eight digs and three blocks.

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Field Hockey Team Wins Sixth Straight

The Westfield State field hockey team won its sixth straight game with a 3-1 decision over Eastern Connecticut State University.

The Owls are 8-4 overall and 5-2 in the Little East Conference. Eastern Conn. dropped to 4-12.

Renee Gahan and B.J. Dion, both freshmen forwards from Waltham, again led the Owls' scoring attack. Gahan tallied two goals and assisted on a goal by Dion. Dion (8 goals) and Gahan (7 goals) have accounted for 15 of Westfield's 27 goals this season.

Despite outshooting Eastern Connecticut, 28-1, in the game, the halftime score was 1-1.

Gahan scored the game-winning goal 3:31 into the second half on assists from juniors Mary Bishop and Sara Monahan.

Westfield 2 - Mass Darmouth 0

NORTH DARTMOUTH - The Westfield State field hockey team won its fifth straight game by blanking U-Mass Dartmouth, 2-0, in a Little East Conference matchup.

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The Owls are now 7-4 overall and 4-2 in the Little East Conference. U-Mass Dartmouth is 6-7 overall and 4-3 in the conference.

Westfield scored both goals in the second half. Freshman standout B.J. Dion of Waltham scored with 27:30 left in the game; it was her second straight game-winning goal. Junior Alison Pratt of Feeding Hills added an insurance goal with 9:40 remaining.

The Owls were outshot, 11-6. Westfield junior goalie Jill Annunciata of Waltham recorded seven saves.

Student-Athlete Advisory Board (SAAB) Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 18
Ely 130, 7:00 p.m.

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Men's Varsity Basketball Tryouts
Oct. 21 @ 9:00 a.m.
Oct. 22 @ 10:30 a.m.
All candidates must see the athletics trainer in Parenzo Gym for a physical before Oct. 21.

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Men's Soccer Beats Salem For First Win Since 1986

Senior standout Karl Labadorf scored with 12 minutes remaining to lead the Westfield State men's soccer team to a big 1-0 victory over Salem State.

It was Westfield's first victory over perennial power Salem since 1986. The Owls are 6-4 overall and 1-1 in the Mass. State Conference. Salem, which had been ranked eighth in New England entering the game, is also 6-4 and 1-1.

Labadorf's 15-yard blast in front of the net was set up by a nice pass from the left corner by senior Andrew Lewis.

Westfield was outshot, 11-9, in the evenly played match.

Westfield 10 - Framingham 1

FRAMINGHAM - Freshman Greg Viggiano of Suffield scored four goals and sophomore Chris Whalley tallied two goals and two assists to lead Westfield State to a 10-1 men's soccer victory over Framingham State.

The Owls improved to 7-4 overall and 2-1 in the Mass. State Conference. Framingham is 2-7-1 and 0-3.

The Owls erupted for three goals in 46-second span early in the game, including two goals by Whalley.

Freshman Jay Chelo of Ludlow opened the scoring at the 3:51 mark, then scored another goal midway through the first half.

Viggiano scored twice in the final seven minutes of the first half as the Owls led 7-0 at intermission.

Also recording goals in the scoring barrage were Karl Labadorf and Joe Calabrese. Senior Andrew Lewis was credited with four assists and junior Tim Cranson had three assists.

Westfield State junior Brian Church has been given the go ahead to run in this Saturday's Mass. State Conference cross country championships at Stanley Park. Church was sidelined for the first month of the season with a knee injury. The Monson native finished eighth in the conference finals last year to help lead the Owls to their 15th title in the past 19 years. The Westfield women's team will be striving to win their fifth straight conference crown. *File Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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Quarterback John Frasco runs for a first down vs. Mass Maritime Academy.

Varsity Sports Snapshots

Photos By Mickey Curtis

Sophomore David Gadouas battles a Springfield player for possession of the ball. Gadouas has played a key role in the men's soccer team's defensive scheme.

Sophomore defensive back Jason Olivari relaxes with teammates Alan Gates (left) and Aaron Ragland before a recent game. Olivari leads the team and is ranked second in the New England Football Conference in interceptions (4) and pass breakups (7).

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Senior field hockey player Shannon Weaver gains controls of the ball. Looking on is teammate Julieann Flynn.

Left to right: Michelle Montvitt, Krista DiCarlo and Joy Flaherty team up to defend a direct kick.

Big Plays Foil Football Squad's Upset Bid

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WESTFIELD - Fullback Jason Imlach rushed for 139 yards and a touchdown, and halfback Seto Berry rushed for 94 yards and two touchdowns to lead Bridgewater State to a 38-20 New England Football Conference victory over Westfield State.

Bridgewater improves to 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the Bogan Division of the NEFC. The Owls dropped to 2-4 overall and 2-3 in the division.

Despite the Bears' ball control domination on the ground (291 yards rushing on 48 carries), it was their quick-striking offense and a big defensive play in the second half that propelled them to their fifth straight victory.

Trailing 17-6 early in the third quarter, Westfield State received excellent field position when standout defensive end Tim Corr recovered a fumbled pitch at the Bridgewater 13. On the next play, however, Westfield quarterback John Frasco's errant pitch was scooped up at the 31 by Bridgewater defensive back Paul Scarpelli (Rockland). He returned the fumble 69 yards for a touchdown to give the Bears a 24-6 lead with 10:56 left in the third quarter.

The Owls made the score 24-13 with 5:27 left in the third quarter on a 35-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Chris Bourget to freshman wide receiver Erik Consilvio.

But the big-play Bears sealed the victory early in the fourth quarter. Imlach rambled down the right sidelines 55 yards for a touchdown, which followed a key pass interference penalty on the previous play against Westfield State.

Five minutes later, quarterback Patrick Callahan hooked up with senior wide receiver Chris Carr for a 95-yard touchdown reception.

Callahan only completed 4-of-13 passes but he threw for 133 yards.

Westfield State junor Shawn Lyman had his third consecutive 100-yard rushing game (23 carries, 107 yards). Freshman wide receiver Matt Yvon of East Longmeadow had four receptions covering 73 yards, including a 22-yard touchdown with 3:37 to play.

Defensively, senior linebacker Ken Stewart posted 13 tackles, including 10 primary hits. Stewart leads the New England Football Conference in tackles per game (11.7).

Corr totaled six solo tackles, a pass breakup, and a sack in addition to his fumble recovery. Freshman back Luke Russell had nine tackles and a pass breakup, while sophomore linebacker Jaret Foley had six tackles and a fumble caused.

Junior Nikki Girolamo battles for the ball during a field hockey game vs. Plymouth State, the top-ranked team in the Little East Conference. Trailing the play is freshman B.J. Dion (left), Westfield's leading scorer. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Cross Country Hosts Invite

The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams finished fourth and seventh, respectively, in the Fifth Annual James Earley Invitational held at Stanley Park.

The Westfield men scored 106 points in the 14-team meet, trailing Wheaton (86), U-Mass Dartmouth (92), and Vassar (92).

Stephen Money of Vassar won the five-mile race with a 26:47 clocking. Jason Pappas was Westfield's top runner, finishing third in 27:19. Tom Bousquet of Chicopee was sixth (27:24).

Other top Westfield finishers were: Nick Wlodyka (28th, 29:03), Andy Krantz (39th, 29:25), Eric Nygard (43rd, 29:40), and Brian Church (50th, 30:23).

The Westfield women totaled 198 points in the 16-team meet. Coast Guard won with 44 points, followed by Wheaton (60), and Vassar (70).

Vassar's Emily Loose placed first with a time of 19:25 on the 3.1 mile layout. Senior Starr Hockenberry of Southwick was Westfield's top runner, placing 25th in 20:59. Catie Geldert was 38th in 21:42.

Other top Westfield finishers were: Kristi Lin Popoff (44th, 21:53), Sara Sechovicz (48th, 21:58), Laura Hurley (60th, 22:33), and Miranda Osgood (78th, 23:15).

There were 161 runners in the women's meet and 159 participants in the men's race.

Field Hockey Sets School Record

Westfield 4 - Salem State 1

The Westfield State field hockey team set a school record with its eighth straight victory as it defeated Salem State, 4-1.

The Owls are 10-4 overall and 4-0 in the Mass. State Conference; they clinched at least a share of the conference championship.

Freshman standout B.J. Dion of Waltham snapped a 1-1 tie by scoring two goals in less than a minute to give the Owls a 3-1 lead with 23:31 left in the first half.

Also scoring for Westfield were Nikki Girolamo and freshman Theresa Yacovone of East Longmeadow. Senior Shannon Weaver had two assists.

Westfield 4 - AIC 0

The Westfield State College field hockey team continued its winning ways with a 4-0 victory over American International College.

The Owls upped their record to 9-4 with their seventh straight victory. The winning streak ties a school record set in 1976.

Freshman standout B.J. Dion of Waltham scored the game-winning goal and also added two assists. Freshman Theresa Yacovone of East Longmeadow contributed a goal and an assist. Junior Teri Phipps and freshman Nicole Esten scored the other goals.

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Women's Soccer Blanks MCLA, 2-0

Westfield State clinched a berth in the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament with a 2-0 home victory over Massachusetts College.

The Owls are 7-8 overall and finished conference play with a 4-2 record.

Senior Krista DiCarlo scored the game-winning goal with 17 minutes left in the first half. Junior Joy Flaherty scored with five seconds left in the game. Sophomore Janet Bourget assisted on both goals.

Goalie Meghan McHale earned the shutout and recorded five saves.

Bridgewater 2 - Westfield 0

BRIDGEWATER - Kathy Milch's goal in the 73rd minute broke a scoreless tie and lifted Bridgewater State to a 2-0 shutout victory over Westfield State.

Both teams are now 6-8 overall and 3-2 in the Mass. State Conference.

Freshman standout Kimberly Rhodes added an insurance goal on a breakaway with 40 seconds remaining.

Bridgewater outshot Westfield, 17-13.

Home Games This Week

Tuesday, Oct. 24

Field Hockey Tournament, 6:00

Volleyball vs. Bridgewater, 7:00

Friday, Oct. 27

Men's Soccer vs. Fitchburg State, 7:00

Saturday, Oct. 28

Football vs. Nichols, 1:00

Women's Swimming vs. Simmons, 1:00

Seniors Karl Labadorf, left, and Andrew Lewis ranked 10th and 13th, respectively on the Westfield State men's soccer team's all-time scoring list heading into the final week of the regular season. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

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Volleyball Improves To 6-0 In MASCAC

FRAMINGHAM - The Westfield State women's volleyball team remained in first place in the Mass. State Conference as it swept conference opponents Framingham State (15-9, 15-4, 15-1) and Worcester State (15-1, 15-6, 16-14).

The Owls are now 8-6 overall and 6-0 in the conference. Westfield State hosts Bridgewater on Oct. 24 in its final conference game; Bridgewater also is undefeated in conference play.

Katelyn Foley had 10 kills and four service aces vs. Framingham, which had entered the match with a 13-2 overall record. Sarah Cormier totaled 17 assists, six kills, two aces, and three digs. Freshman Rachel Allgaier had four service aces.

Amherst 3 - Westfield State 0

The Westfield State College women's volleyball team was swept by a strong Amherst squad 15-5, 15-3, 15-7.

Amherst upped its record to 18-3, while Westfield is 8-7.

Junior Sarah Cormier had 19 assists for the Owls and senior Larissa Farrell had eight kills.

Fall Squads Peak For Championship Run

By Mickey Curtis, SID

This is the beginning of Championship Week, Part I, for the Westfield State College fall sports teams.

Tuesday, Oct. 24, Westfield State plays host to two key games. In a game tentatively scheduled for 6:00 p.m. at Alumni Field, the Westfield State field hockey team will host a first round playoff game in the Little East Conference Tournament. The Owls earned the right to host the game by finishing in the top four in the 11-team conference. Seven teams qualify for the postseason play.

If Westfield wins its first round test, it will travel to top seeded Plymouth State this weekend for the conference's Final Four. The winner of the postseason tournament receives an automatic berth into the NCAA Division III Tournament.

The Owls lost to Plymouth State, 3-2, in a game in which they held 1-0 and 2-1 leads. Westfield entered last Thursday night's game at Keene State with a 10-4 overall and a school-record eight-game winning streak.

On Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., the Westfield State women's volleyball team hosts rival Bridgewater State in a match that will determine the Mass. State Conference regular season champion. Both teams are 6-0 in the eight-team conference. Tuesday's big matchup in the Owl Dome also will determine the No. 1 seed for the conference postseason tournament, scheduled for Nov. 3 and 4 at Salem State.

On Wednesday, Oct. 25, the Westfield women's soccer team will play an opening round game in the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament, which includes four of the seven teams. The Owls con-

half (18) of Westfield's 35 goals in its otherwise balanced scoring attack. Dion was named Little East Conference Player of the Week for scoring the game-winning goals in three straight games, while Gahan was named Rookie of Week.

Senior Andrew Lewis was selected men's soccer Player of the Week for scoring the game-winning goal vs. Bridgewater State and recording four assists in a 10-1 rout of Framingham State.

Senior Karl Labadforf (90 points) and Lewis (85) are now ranked 10th and 13th, respectively, on the Owls' all-time scoring charts.

Sophomore Katelyn Foley was named women's volleyball Player of the Week for her efforts in conference matches vs. Framingham State and Worcester State. She registered 35 kills during the week, including 32 percent of her attempts vs. Framingham.

Westfield's Ken Stewart and Tim Corr have been familiar names on the weekly honor roll in the 14-team New England Football Conference. Stewart, a linebacker, leads the conference in tackles per game (11.7). Corr continues to create havoc from this defensive end position; he ranks third in the conference in sacks, sixth in tackles for losses, and first in fumbles recovered and caused. Sophomore Jason Oliveri ranks second in passes defended, and senior John Frasco is the conference's best punter (39.4 average).

A Look Ahead

While the fall sports teams are gearing towards peaking as their seasons draw to a close, the winter sports squads already have begun preparing for their promising seasons. In fact, the women's swimming and diving team of veteran coach David Laing opens its season this

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Men's Soccer Shuts Out Mass. College, Bridgewater

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Westfield 1 - Mass. College 0

NORTH ADAMS - Sophomore Chris Whalley's successful penalty kick with 25 minutes remaining in the game lifted Westfield State to a key 1-0 men's soccer victory over Massachusetts College.

The Owls are now 9-4 overall and 4-1 in the Mass. State Confernece. Mass. College dropped to 3-2 in the conference and 6-8 overall.

Whalley, a former standout at Southwick High School, stroked the game-winning shot into the upper right corner.

Westfield has now won four straight games.

Westfield 2 - Bridgewater 0

A strong second-half effort lifted the Westfield State men's soccer team to a 2-0 victory over Bridgewater State.

The Owls are now 8-4 overall and 3-1 in the Mass. State Conference heading into next Tuesday's key game vs. Massachusetts College in North Adams.

Both teams took three shots in the evenly played first half, but Westfield dominated the second half, outshooting the visitors, 13-1.

Senior forward Andrew Lewis of Danvers scored in the 51st minute on a 15-yard blast into the right corner. Assisting were senior Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham and sophomore David Gadouas of Chicopee.

Freshman Jay Chelo of Ludlow scored an insurance goal with 6:09 remaining when he deflected a shot by sophomore Chris Whalley of Southwick into the net from 10 yards out.

James Earley Cross Country Invitational
Saturday, Oct. 14, at Stanley Park
Women's College Race - 11:00
Men's College Race - 12:00
Open 5K Race - 1:00
Contact Bob Rausch at X5392

Home Games This Week

Monday, Oct. 9
Field Hockey vs. Eastern Connecticut, 7:00
Tuesday, Oct. 10
Women's Soccer vs. Framingham, 7:00
Wednesday, Oct. 11
Volleyball vs. Lasell, 7:00
Thursday, Oct. 12
Field Hockey vs. AIC, 7:00
Friday, Oct. 13
Men's Soccer vs. Bridgewater, 7:00
Saturday, Oct. 14
Cross Country James Earley Invite, 11 a.m.
Football vs. Bridgewater, 1:30
Field Hockey vs. Salem, 6:00

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Men's Soccer Wins Sixth Straight; Shuts Out Two More Opponents

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Westfield 4 - WPI 0

WORCESTER - The Westfield State men's soccer team rolled to a convincing 4-0 victory over Worcester Polytech last Tuesday evening.

The victory was Westfield's sixth straight and upped its record to 11-4. The Owls, who are ranked 10th in New England, have recorded five shutouts during the winning streak, and they have allowed only 14 goals in 15 games.

Seniors Andrew Lewis and Karl Labadorf both tallied a goal and an assist, while freshman Joe Calabrese of West Springfield recorded three assists. Also scoring were freshman Jay Chelo of Ludlow and Greg Viggiano of Suffield.

Both teams took 10 shots on goal in the game, but the Owls scored on their first three shots as they led 3-0 with just over 17 minutes remaining in the first half.

"They were good scores but we made some great passes to set up the scores," said coach Paul Whalley.

Westfield concluded its regular season last Friday when it hosted Fitchburg State at 7:00 p.m. The Owls would have clinched at least of share of the Mass. State Conference championship by defeating Fitchburg. Westfield is scheduled to host a conference postseason tournament game Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Westfield 6 - Mass Maritime 0

BUZZARDS BAY - The Westfield State men's soccer team won its fifth straight game with a 6-0 victory over Mass. Maritime Academy.

The Owls, who have allowed only one goal in the past five games, are now 10-4 overall and 5-1 in the Mass. State Conference.

Westfield moved into a tie for first place in the conference with Worcester State following Worcester's shocking 1-0 loss at Framingham State on Saturday. The Owls can clinch at least a share of the conference regular season championship with a victory over Fitchburg State; the home game is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 27, at 7:00 p.m.

Freshman Jay Chelo of Ludlow recorded a hat trick for the Owls, who led 3-0 at halftime. Senior standout Karl Labadorf tallied a goal and two assists. Sophomore Chris Whalley of Southwick and freshman Andy McDavitt both had a goal and an assist.

Westfield State College sponsored "Take A Kid To The Game" during the Owls' home football game vs. Maine Maritime on Oct. 7. Youth 14 and under, along with their parents, were admitted free of charge to the game. The youngsters participated in several activities on the field during halftime, and were cheered on by the Westfield State College football cheerleaders. Take A Kid to the Game is a nationwide program sponsored by the NCAA and the American Football Coaches Association.

Photos By Nancy Bals and Joel Perry

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Women's Cross Country Captures Fifth Straight Conference Crown By Edging Bridgewater

The Westfield State women's cross country team captured its fifth consecutive Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference championship by edging Bridgewater State on Saturday, Oct. 21, at Stanley Park.

Westfield finished with 53 points in the six-team meet to edge Bridgewater State by a point. Bridgewater totaled 54 points followed by Fitchburg State with 80.

Westfield only had one runner earn all conference honors: senior Starr Hockenberry of Southwick finished fifth with a time of 20:34 over the 3.1 mile layout. But the Owls had solid pack running as they placed five runners between the 11th and 20th positions.

Freshman Kristi Lin Popoff finished 11th (21:45), followed by freshman Catie Geldert (12th, 21:46), sophomore Laura Hurley (18th, 22:28), junior Sara Sechovicz (19th, 22:36), and junior Miranda Osgood (20th, 22:43). In addition, sophomore Alyssa Reid placed 26th (23:28) and senior Lori Starsiak was 27th (23:33).

"The team ran well," said coach Bob Rausch. "It was a team effort and we had some good performances. Kristi finished ahead of Catie for the first time this year."

Rhalda Jansen of Fitchburg won the race with a time of 20:18.

Members of the women's cross country conference championship team in the first row, left to right: Lori Starsiak, Alyssa Reid, Kristi Lin Popoff, Tracey Borucki, Erica Mellone, Miranda Osgood. Second row: assistant coach Cheryl Santagate-Sutton, Catie Geldert, Starr Hockenberry, Sara Sechovicz, Laura Hurley, Melinda Nikola, and coach Bob Rausch. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

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Men's Cross Country Squad Finishes Second In MASCAC

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Bridgewater State College regained the Mass. State Conference men's cross country championship after a one-year hiatus with a convincing victory over Westfield State on Oct. 21 at Stanley Park.

The Bears placed five runners in the top 10 to total 36 points in winning its third title in the past four years.

Westfield, which won the 1999 championship and 14 of the past 17 championships, finished a distant second with 53 points.

Senior Jason Pappas, a Fitchburg native, and sophomore Tom Bousquet of Chicopee finished second (27:17) and third (27:19), respectively, for Westfield State. But Westfield's next three runners finished 13th, 15th, and 20th, which could not offset Bridgewater's strong pack running up front.

"I believe we ran as well as we are capable of running, but Bridgewater has a nice team this year," said Westfield State coach Bob Rausch.

Placing third for Westfield and 13th overall was freshman Nick Wlodyka with a time of 28:50. Junior Eric Nygard was 15th (29:02) and junior Brian Church was 20th (29:23). Church finished eighth last year to earn all conference honors, but he has been sidelined most of this season with an injury.

Rounding out Westfield's top seven, freshman Andy Krantz finished 27th (30:09) and junior Marco Iannello was 31st (30:29).

Salem State's Dan Smith of Shelburne Falls, Mass., defended his individual title with a time of 26:22 over the five-mile Stanley Park layout. Last season he won in 26:48 on the same course.

Home Games This Week

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Men's Soccer

Conference Tournament Game, 6:00 p.m.

Class Registration Workshop For Student-Athletes

Monday, Oct. 30, in SGA Room

As an alternative to study hall Monday, Oct. 30, student athletes are asked to attend a Class Registration Workshop. This workshop is to provide student-athletes information about class registration for spring 2000 classes. This workshop is mandatory if attending Monday study hall. This workshop does not take the place of advisement by your professors.

The workshop will include: class registration guidelines; timeline of events; student registration responsibilities; advising preparation; and registration process.

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Field Hockey Captures Conference Crown With OT Victory

Freshman standout B.J. Dion of Waltham scored off a long corner with 13:21 left in the second overtime to give Westfield State a thrilling 2-1 victory over Bridgewater State.

The victory gave Westfield State the Mass. State Conference championship outright. The Owls finished a perfect 5-0 in the MASCAC.

Westfield finished the regular season with a 11-5 record, tying a school record for victories in a season. The Owls hosted Worcester State last Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in a first round game of the Litte East Conference postseason tournament.

Assisting on the game-winning goal were Renee Gahan, also a freshman from Waltham, and senior Shannon Weaver of Huntington.

Westfield tied the score with 35 seconds left in the first half on a goal by freshman Theresa Yacovone of East Longmeadow.

Members of the Mass. State Conference championship field hockey team in the first row, left to right, are: Jill Annunciata, Theresa Yacovone, Meg Perreault, Julieann Flynn, B.J. Dion, Mary Bishop, Nikki Girolamo, Brooke Wadhams, Alison Pratt, Nikki Esten, Kelly Barthelmes, Renee Gahan. Second row: assistant coach Karen Pawlishen, Christina D'Ambrosio, Shannon Weaver, Kelly Walsh, Teri Phipps, Sara Monahan, Kristy McWilliams, Karen Oliveira, head coach Heather Cabral. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Worcester Eliminates Westfield

Worcester State defeated Westfield State, 1-0, in a first round game of the Little East Conference field hockey postseason tournament.

Worcester, the No. 5 seed in the tournament, evened its record at 9-9. Westfield, seeded fourth, is 11-6.

Freshman Christen Watt of Quabbin Regional scored the game-winning goal off a penalty corner.

Westfield won at Worcester State, 4-1, during the regular season but the Lancers were minus four starters in that game.

"We played well, we dominated both halves," said Westfield State coach Heather Cabral. "Unfortunately in a game like this, it can be decided on one play, and they made it. But I couldn't have asked any more from my players."

The future looks bright for the Owls as their three leading scorers this season were all freshmen. Only two seniors were on the squad: captain Brooke Wadhams and Shannon Weaver.

"Those are two big shoes to fill, but the only two spaces available," said Cabral. "For this team, we accomplished all the goals we set before the season. We went undefeated in the MASCAC (5-0), made the Little East playoffs, and earned a home game playoff berth."

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Football Team Erases Early Deficit To Defeat UMass Boston, 27-12

BOSTON - Westfield State College overcame an early 12-0 deficit to defeat U-Mass Boston, 27-12 in a New England Football Conference game.

The Owls improved to 3-4 overall while the Beacons dropped to 1-7.

U-Mass Boston took a 6-0 lead with 10 minutes left in the first half, marching 43 yards on six plays to score on its first drive, a one-yard plunge by freshman fullback Tom Carafella. The score was set up by a 17-yard run to the 1 by senior tailback Frank Campo, who played for Westfield State his freshman year.

The Beacons quickly scored again when Campo capped a 39-yard drive with a four-yard touchdown run.

Westfield broke into the scoring column when quarterback John Frasco found Matt Yvon for a 25-yard touchdown toss with 1:35 left in the first quarter. Frasco completed three other passes during the six-play, 69-yard drive.

The Owls took the lead for good, 14-12, midway through the second quarter when fullback Jesse Phelps capped a five-play, 42-yard drive with a two-yard touchdown run.

Westfield scored three minutes later on a three-yard run by Frasco. The TD was set up when Westfield took over at the U-Mass Boston nine following a bad snap on a Beacon punt attempt.

Westfield's final touchdown, a two-yard run by Frasco, came with 8:52 left in the game and capped a 12-play, 70-yard drive that lasted just over six minutes.

U-Mass Boston threatened to score again with its final two drives reaching the Westfield 27 and 19 yard lines, respectively, but was stopped on downs both times.

Frasco accounted for 156 yards of total offense, completing 7 of 14 passes for 106 yards, and rushing for 50 net yards on 19 carries. He threw three interceptions, however. Junior Shawn Lyman of West Springfield rushed for 80 yards on 18 carries and fullback P.J. Lorentzen carried the ball six times for 42 yards. Yvon caught five passes for 84 yards.

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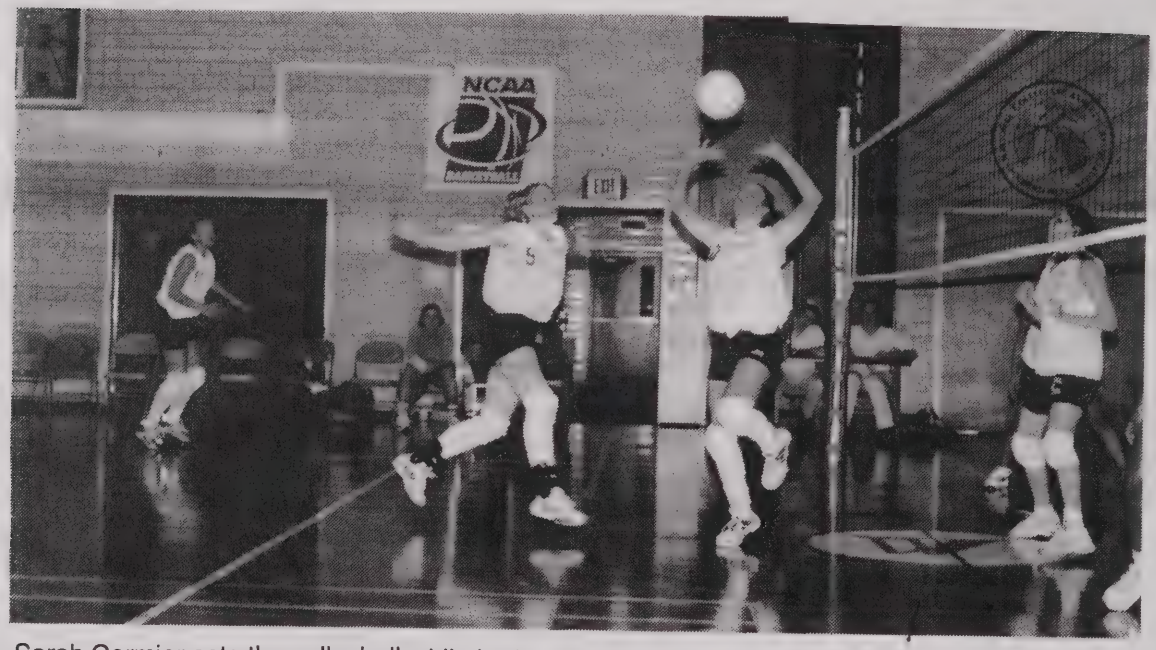
Volleyball Outlasted By B

Bridgewater State held off Westfield State to capture the Mass. State Conference championship. Bridgewater, 14-14 overall, finished 7-0 in the conference. Westfield, 10-9 overall, finished 6-1 in the MASCAC.

Westfield won the first game 15-12, but Bridgewater won the final three games 15-11, 15-6, 15-12. Bridgewater jumped out to 11-0 and 11-4 leads in the second and fourth sets, then held off furious Westfield comebacks.

"It's a little difficult to analyze the match because both teams are



Sarah Cormier sets the volleyball while Larissa Farrell gets ready to go airborne for a kill shot.

Mickey Curtis Photo

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Members of the Mass. State Conference regular season co-champions Westfield State men's soccer team in the first row, left to right, are: Andrew Lewis, David Gadouas, Joel Dam, Chris Machado, Karl Labadorf, Carlos Monteiro, Edgar Ortiz, Joe Calabrese. Second row: assistant coach Nuno Pereira, Tyler Roy, Andrew Thompson, Matt Goncalves, Jay Chelo, Chris Whalley, Andy McDavitt, assistant coach Brian Harlow, head coach Paul Whalley. Third row: Nick Ammendolia, Greg Viggiano, Garrett O'Connell, Mike Cotrone, Tim Cranson, Jon Witowski, Desmond Richardson, D.J. Conway. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

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Men's Soccer Wins Eighth Straight; Blanks MCLA, 5-0, In Tournament

The Westfield State College men's soccer team rolled to resounding 5-0 victory over Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in the semifinals of the inaugural Mass. State Conference tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

The Owls played Worcester State in the championship game last Saturday, with the winner receiving an automatic berth to the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Lancers advanced to the title tilt with a 2-1 victory over Salem State in the other semifinal matchup.

Both Worcester State and Westfield State shared the regular season conference title with 6-1 records, but Worcester State earned the No. 1 seed by defeating Westfield State, 2-1, on Sept. 29.

The Owls, 13-4 overall and ranked ninth in New England, had eight straight victories heading into Saturday's game. They hade allowed only one goal during the win streak and have recorded six straight shutouts. In addition, they tied a school record for shutouts in a season with 10.

Senior standout Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham led the Owls vs. their Western Mass. rivals from North Adams with two goals and two assists. Both of Labadorf's goals were left footed blasts from 25 yards.

The Owls scored twice in a six-minute span early in the first half, then put away the game with three goals in a four-minute span early in the second half.

Sophomore Chris Whalley of Southwick headed in the game's second goal and also contributed an assist. Also scoring were freshman Joe Calabrese of West Springfield and senior Andrew Lewis of Danvers.

Westfield goalies Nick Ammendolia and D.J. Conway again shared the goal keeping duties, with Ammendolia playing the first 45 minutes and registering five saves. Conway had nine saves, including two spectacular stops.

Mass. College finished its regular season with an 8-10 record, the first losing season for 23-year coach Ron Shrewcraft.

Men's Soccer

Westfield 3 - Fitchburg State 0

The Westfield State men's soccer team clinched a share of the Mass. State Conference regular season championship with a 3-0 victory over Fitchburg State on Friday. Oct. 27.

Westfield and Worcester State finished tied for first place in the eight-team conference with 6-1 records. It was the Owls' second conference title in the past four years under fourth-year coach Paul Whalley.

Senior standout Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham scored two spectacular goals in less than a five-minute span early in the second half. Labadorf's first goal was a horizontal header in front of the net, and his second tally was a blast from 25 yards.

Sophomore Garrett O'Connell scored in the first half following a nice pass from sophomore Chris Whalley of Southwick.

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Men's Soccer Squad Peaking At Right Time

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By Mickey Curtis, SID

The Westfield State College men's soccer team's second season has already begun with a resounding 5-0 victory over Massachusetts College last Wednesday in the semifinals of the Mass. State Conference tournament.

The Owls played at Worcester State this past Saturday for the championship and the right to earn an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament, which begins this Wednesday. If the Owls do not qualify for the NCAA Tournament, they will likely receive a high seed for the ECAC New England Tournament, which also begins this Wednesday.

Westfield State is peaking as it enters tournament play. The Owls, ranked ninth in last week's New England Division III poll, have won eight straight games, including seven via shutouts, for a 13-4 overall record.

The Owls have a balanced scoring attack, but defense has keyed their success as they have allowed only 14 goals in 17 games. They have allowed more than two goals in just one game, a 5-2 loss to Williams College, the top-ranked team in the country. Heading into the Worcester game they had blanked six straight opponents and tied a school record with 10 shutouts in a season.

"In soccer, you don't have that kind of success just because of the defense, it takes all 11 players on the field," said head coach Paul Whalley. "Both goal keepers (Nick Ammendolia and D.J. Conway) have been fabulous all season. And they don't get the credit they deserve because they don't face as many shots."

Westfield possesses a nice blend of talented seniors and underclassmen.

Senior forward Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham leads the team in scoring with 34 points (13 goals, 8 assists). Labadorf ranks 10th on Westfield's all-time scoring list with 106 career points (40 goals, 26 assists).

Sophomore midfielder Chris Whalley of Southwick has scored 24 points, including a team-high 12 assists. Freshman Jay Chelo of Ludlow is the third leading scorer with 21 points (9 goals, 3 assists). Senior Andrew Lewis of Danvers has 18 points (5 goals, 8 assists) and is currently 12th on the all-time scoring charts with 87 points.

Other senior leadership has been provided by midfielder Chris Machado of Weymouth, who has scored 11 points (1 goal, 9 assists), and Ammendolia, who has a .940 goals against average and an 11-2 record.

Other key contributors to the Owls' outstanding defense are: freshman Joel Dam of Marshfield, sophomore Garrett O'Connell of Rochester, junior Tim Cranson of Montgomery (Gateway Regional), sophomore David Gadouas of Chicopee, freshman Joe Calabrese of West Springfield, freshman Mike Cotrone of Suffield, Conn., freshman Jon Witowski of Ludlow, freshman Greg Viggiano of Suffield, Conn., and freshman Desmond Richardson of Auburn.

Women's Soccer Falls In Tourney

BRIDGEWATER - Freshman Kimberly Rhodes recorded her first hat trick as Bridgewater State jumped out to a 5-1 lead and held on to defeat Westfield State, 5-3, in the semifinals of the inaugural Mass. State Conference championship women's soccer tournament.

Rhodes scored the match's first three goals, including a pair 35 seconds apart to pace the Bears to a 4-1 halftime lead.

Bridgewater increased the lead to 5-1 when freshman Natalie Lyons put in a goal on a breakaway in the opening minutes of the second half. Westfield pulled to within striking distance with a pair of goals less than five minutes apart with under 15 minutes left in the game.

Bridgewater goalie Kristen Young came up with three spectacular saves late in the game.

Westfield, which finished its season 7-9-1, received goals from Megan Borsari, Krista DiCarlo, and Janet Bourget.

Bridgeware State, 9-8, will advance to the championship game on Sunday at top seeded Framingham State. The Rams advanced to the finals by eliminating Worcester State in penalty kicks following four overtime sessions.

Westfield 1 - Plymouth 1

Westfield State and Plymouth State battled to a 1-1 tie in nonconference women's soccer in the Owls' regular season finale .

Senior Krista DiCarlo scored Westfield's only goal with 4:43 left in the first half. Plymouth tied the score with 9:57 left in regulation.

Carrie Poulon, a Westfield native and Plymouth's leading scorer, made a nice touch pass to get credit for the assist on the game-tying goal.

The Owls outshot Plymouth State, 20-7.

Nichols Defeats Outmanned Owls

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WESTFIELD - Senior running back Matt Fox scored three touchdowns and rushed for 183 yards on 30 carries to lead Nichols College to a 30-3 New England Football Conference victory over Westfield State.

Nichols improved its record to 6-2 overall following the nondivisional matchup. Westfield dropped to 3-5.

The undermanned Westfield State team led 3-0 after the first quarter, but Fox gave Nichols the lead on a 1-yard touchdown to cap a 16-play, 68-yard drive with 9:05 left in the first half.

Nichols led at the half, 10-3, on Dan Herrero's 34-yard field goal with 1:44 remaining.

Fox's second score - a 12-yard run early in the third quarter, was set up when teammate David Sher blocked a punt and the Bison took over at the Westfied 18. Fox's third touchdown - a 1-yard run early in the fourth quarter - capped an 11-play, 61-yard drive.

Quarterback Jarrod Rouazoin threw for 112 yards, completing 7 of 15 passes, in Nichols' balanced attack.

Westfield's leading rusher was quarterback John Frasco with 15 carries for 79 yards. However, the Chicopee native suffered a mild concussion with just under seven minutes left in the second half and did not play the remainder of the game.

The defensive standout for Nichols was sophomore linebacker Brian St. Peter of Marshfield, who racked up 20 tackles, including nine solos. Westfield sophomore Jaret Foley of Tyngsboro had a team-high 13 tackles and a fumble recovery.

There will be meeting for Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Juniper Park Gym at 7:00 p.m. All male and female students are welcome. Contact Lisa at 532-1701

Cross Country 6th In Alliance

WARWICK, R.I. - The Westfield State men's and women's cross country teams both finished sixth in the New England Alliance championships.

The Westfield State men totaled 161 points in the 11-team meet. Keene State dominated the competition, placing seven runners in the top nine, including the first four.

Keene's Wilson Perez won the five-mile race in 26:13.16. Westfield's top finisher was Jason Pappas, who placed 15th in 27:38.57). Sophomore Tom Bousquet of Chicopee finished 18th in 27:56.14.

In the women's race, Keene State also dominated by placing five runners in the top six. Mary Proulx of Keene won the 3.1 mile race in 19:10.2.

Westfield's Starr Hockenberry of Southwick finished 12th in 20:45.9. Freshman Kristi Lin Popoff was 22nd (22:04.27) and sophomore Catie Geldert was 24th (22:05.3).

Women's Volleyball Results

BRIDGEWATER - The women's volleyball team lost four games in the highly competitive Bridgewater State Invitational.

The Owls fell to conference rival Bridgewater 15-6, 16-14, 15-4. U-Mass Dartmouth, which owns a 24-9 record, defeated the Owls twice, 14-16, 15-10, 15-7, 15-6, and 15-6, 15-6, 15-9. Tournament champion Gordon College swept Westfield 15-1, 15-4, 15-9.

Junior setter Sarah Cormier was named to the all-tournament team.

Westfield dropped to 10-14 on the season with a 3-0 setback (5-15, 5-15, 5-15) at Brandies University last Wednesday. The Owls competed in the Mass. State Conference tournament this past weekend.

Swim Team Wins Season Opener

BOSTON - The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team opened its season with a 154-127 victory over Simmons.

Freshman Dana LedDuke was a triple winner. LedDuke won the 100 butterfly (1:06.94), 100 individual medley (1:08.8), and the 50 butterfly (29.12).

Sophomor Kelley Reardon and freshman Jenny Gilbert were double winners. and Reardon finished first in the one-meter voluntary and optional diving events, while Gilbert took first in the 50 backstroke (32.14) and the 100 backstroke (1:19.40).

Also placing first were: Heather Perreault (1,000 freestyle, 15:53.65) and Nicole Acheson (100 freestyle, 1:03).

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Senior goalie Nick Ammendolia snatches a shot attempt during Westfield's 1-0 victory over Massachusetts College in North Adams Oct. 17

Varsity Sports Snapshots

Photos By Mickey Curtis

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Senior Jason Pappas, right, and sophomore Tom Bousquet teamed up to finish second and third, respectively, in the Mass. State Conference cross country championships.

The Westfield State women's cross country team charges to the front of the pack at the start of a meet held at Stanley Park.

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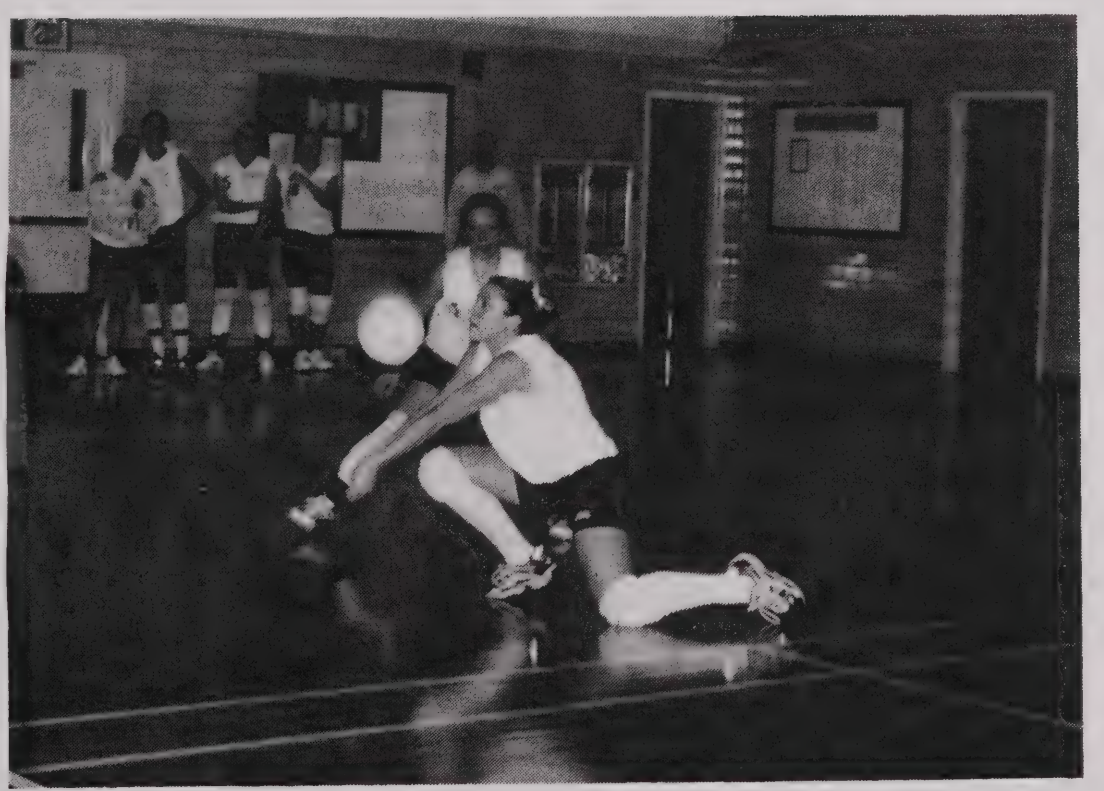

Sophomore women's volleyball player Katelyn Foley makes a sliding dig to keep the ball in play. Looking on is freshman Rachel Allgaier.

Senior women's soccer player Melissa Reed, right, battles for possession of the ball.

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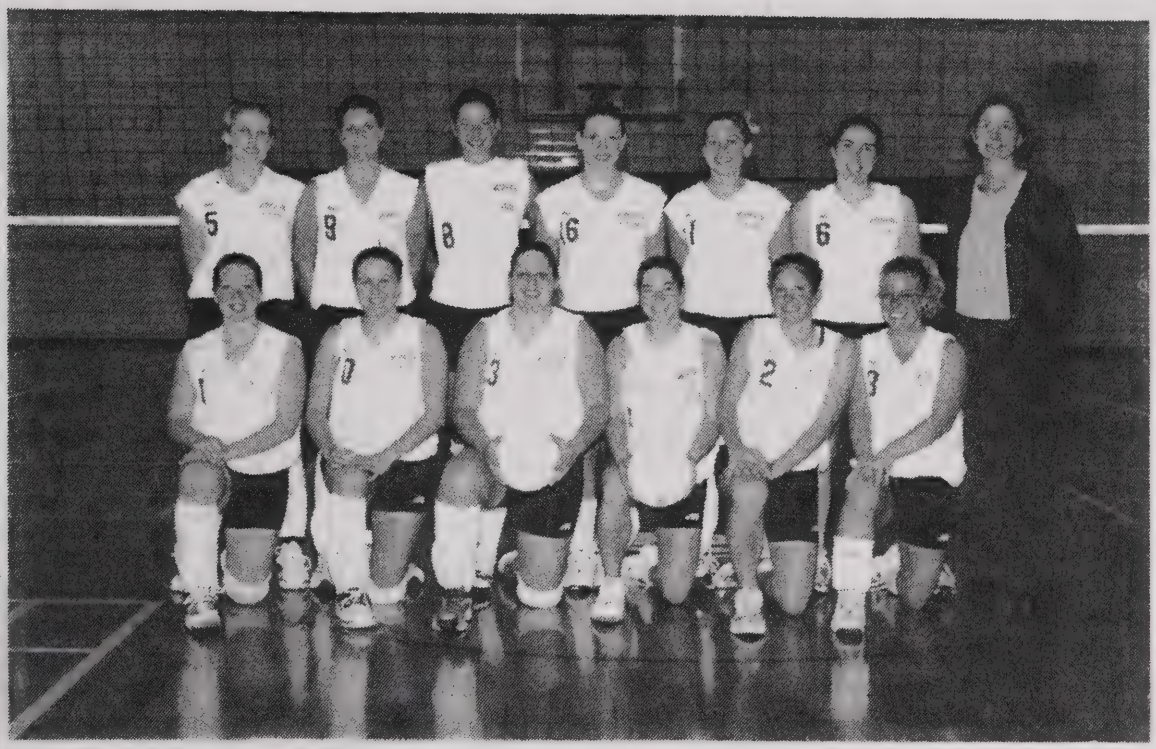

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL - The Westfield State College women's volleyball team completed its season with a 14-15 overall record as it was defeated by Bridgewater State in the Mass. State Conference tournament in three sets. In the first row, left to right, are: Rachel Allgaier, Sarah Cormier, Tasha Goulet, Sara Woodcock, Leah Schmidt, Michelle Sanchioni. Second row: Larissa Farrell, Katie Simlick, Jamie Peters, Sarah Lund, Katelyn Foley, Andrea Tessier, and coach Hilary Ducharme. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY - The Westfield State College men's cross country team finished second in the Mass. State Conference championships. First row, left to right, are: Tim Smith, Eric Flossic, Marco Iannello, Jason Pappas, Andy Krantz, and coach Bob Rausch. Second row: assistant coach Cheryl Santagate-Sutton, Tom Bousquet, Nik Wlodyka, Eric Nygard, Brian Church, Mike Mascio, and JimCreed. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

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Westfield State Ice Hockey Report

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Nichols 5 - Westfield 1

After the Owls jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead, with a powerplay goal by senior Matt Fontaine, Nichols scored five unanswered goals on its way to a 5-1 victory over the Westfield State College ice hockey team.

Westfield State was penalized for 24 minutes. " We hurt ourselves by taking foolish penalties. It is tough to put yourself in a position to win when you are killing penalties as long as we did" said Coach Brian Ward. " We felt as though things were not going our way. I just wished that the players could dictate the game more."

Nichols went on to score three of its five goals on the powereplay. Freshman goaltender Ardian Kalezic stopped 33 out of 38 shots he faced.

WNEC 3 - Westfield 1

In a tight defensive battle, WNEC edged out the Owls, 3-1.

Westfield jumped out to a 1-0 lead going into the second period with a powerplay goal by freshman Mike Palazzola, assisted by Bobby Shaw and Brian Huggon. WNEC got the game winner from Bob St. Lawrence. WNEC also got excellent goaltending by committee, led by freshman Mike Newel, who stopped 13 shots in the third period.

" We played well enough to win. We played very solid defensively and worked very hard. We had some calls go against us in key situations, and we did not convert on the powerplay in the third period. This game has brought this young team to a different level," said Ward.

WOMEN'S SOCCER- The Westfield State College women's soccer team finished second inthe Mass. State Conference during the regular season. In the first row, left to right, are: A.J. DelMonte, Jessica Silva, Megan Borsari, Erin Reim, Krista DiCarlo, Melissa Reed, Siobhan Morris, Erin Reardon, Meghan McCann, Justine Crocker, Jenn Koziol. Second row: Sara Barrows, Meghan McHale, Michelle Montvitt, Caitlin Beilke, Karen Chouinard, Ali Jordan, Sarah Simmons, Melissa Albano, Janet Bourget, Joy Flaherty, Kelly Furlong, Tracy Peters, assistant coach Holly Maines, head coach Heather Boisvere-Langone. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Owls Fall To Worcester In Football Finale

WORCESTER - The Westfield State football team dropped a 14-9 decision to Worcester State in its season finale. The Owls finished with a 3-6 record.

Westfield stayed with the 7-2 Lancers, but the Owls were unable to capitalize on turnovers and score inside the 20.

All of the scoring for both teams took place in the first half. Westfield's John Frasco of Chicopee kicked three field goals (22, 29, 22 yards) to set a single-game school record.

The Owls recovered a Worcester fumble on the opening kickoff at the three-yard line but were unable to score a touchdown. Later in the half, Westfield recovered another fumble deep in Worcester territory on a bad center snap on a punt attempt, but the Owls had to settle for another field goal.

Westfield held Worcester minus 23 yards rushing in the game, but the Lancers were effective through the air, completing 17 of 35 passes for 249 yards. Todd Daskowski had touchdown receptions of nine and 15 yards to stake Worcester to a 14-3 lead with 14:53 left in the first half.

The Owls had several opportunties to upset the Lancers in the game's closing minutes. On a fourth-and-four situation at the Worcester 35 with 1:57 remaining, quarterback Chris Bourget caught his own passing attempt after a defender batted the ball into the air. Bourget decided to run with the ball and was stopped short of a first down by a yard.

Westfield received the ball one more time and quickly moved it to the Worcester 40, but Bourget threw an interception on a third-and-one with 34.4 seconds remaining.

Junior Shawn Lyman of West Springfield led Westfield's offense with 122 rushing yards on 24 carries. Freshman receiver Erik Consilvio had three catches for 37 yards.

Senior linebacker Ken Stewart led Westfield's balanced defensive attack with eight tackles (seven solos) and a spectacular pass interception. Back Luke Russell and lineman John Cloutier also had eight tackles and shared a sack.

Congratulations to Student-Athlete Advisory Board Leaders for 2000-2001
Chairs: Starr Hockenberry, Brooke Wadhams
Vice-Chairs: D.J. Conway, Alison Pratt
Next SAAB Meeting is Nov. 14, 7:00 p.m. in Ely 232

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James Banacos 6.2 Mile Road Race
Saturday, Nov. 18, Noon
$10 registration fee; $6 for students
Registration begins at 10:45 a.m. at the Parenzo Hall main lobby.
Contact Lou Ann Simchak at 572-5424 for more information.

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Men's Soccer Continues Dream Season

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Owls Shut Out Worcester, 1-0, To Take MASCAC Championship

By Mickey Curtis, SID

WORCESTER - Senior forward Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham scored on a breakaway with exactly 20 minutes left in the game to give Westfield State a 1-0 victory over Worcester State in the championship game of the inaugural Mass. State Conference men's soccer tournament.

The Owls, 14-4 overall, earned an automatic berth into the NCAA tournament with the victory, which was their ninth straight and seventh consecutive via shutout. It will be their first NCAA tournament appearance since 1984 and their seventh overall.

Labadorf, the Owls' leading scorer, broke free when he pivoted around a Worcester State defender as senior forward Andrew Lewis of

Left to right: head coach Paul Whalley, senior co-captain Karl Labadorf, senior co-captain Chris Machado, assistant coach Brian Harlow, and assistant coach Nuno Pereira accept the Mass. State Conference championship trophy following the 1-0 victory over Worcester State that earned the Owls their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1984. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Labadorf, Lewis Lead Westfield In NCAA Tournament Opener

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By Mickey Curtis, SID

BRISTOL, R.I. - The only thing narrower than the space between the goalie and the post was the margin in the presidential voting.

But Karl Labadorf again came through in the clutch as he threaded a wicked shot just inside the left post to vault Westfield State to a 3-2 victory over Roger Williams University in a first round game of the NCAA Division III men's soccer tournament Wednesday, Nov. 8.

The Owls, 15-5 and winners of 10 straight, advanced to the New England Regionals semifinals this past weekend at Middlebury College in Vermont. Westfield played Middlebury at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, followed by Williams vs. Wheaton at 1:00 p.m. Middlebury earned the No. 1 seed in the regional by stunning Williams, 1-0, in a four-overtime thriller in last weekend's conference championship. Williams had entered the game unbeaten and ranked No. 1 in the country.

Labadorf's goal, which snapped a 2-2 deadlock with 25:17 left in regulation, was his third consecutive game-winner in the postseason. The senior standout from Wilbraham used one of his trademark spin moves to get free and blast in the low liner with his left foot from 20 yards out. Assisting on the goal was sophomore midfielder Chris Whalley of Southwick.

"I think the guy defending me thought I was going to pass it, but I just made a quick move to face the goal and shot," said Labadorf. "I love those types of shots; you get the ball then "boom" - one shot."

Andrew Lewis of Danver - Westfield's other senior scoring star - gave the Owls a 2-0 lead with a pair of goals in the game's first 20 minutes.

With just under four minutes into the game, Lewis collected a header clearout by Roger Williams and drilled a shot into the left side of the net from 12 yards out. Lewis scored with 25:17 left in the first half on a breakaway, giving the Owls a 2-0 lead.

Even though Westfield had shut out its previous seven opponents, head coach Paul Whalley was not overly confident the lead was safe.

And Roger Williams proved him right as Hawk leading scorer Stuart Hulke scored twice - late in the first half on a redirect and 13 minutes into the second half on a beautiful header - to knot the score.

"No, I was not relaxed at all with a 2-0 lead," said Whalley. "And I wouldn't have been confident with a 4-0 lead either because he (Hulke) is a great player. I thought we did a good job of defending him and he still scored two goals."

The host team outshot Westfield State, 22-21. The Owls stuck with their highly successful routine of Nick Ammendolia and D.J. Conway splitting the goalkeeping duties. Both keepers recorded five saves and made several spectacular stops.

This Week's Schedule

Friday, Nov. 17
Women's Swimming
at Regis, 7:00
Women's Basketball
at Vassar Tournament
vs. William Paterson, 8:00

Saturday, Nov. 18
Women's Swimming
at Regis, 12:00
Women's Basketball
at Vassar Tournament, 1:00
Men's Basketball
at Wheaton Tournament
vs. Wheaton, 8:00

Sunday, Nov. 19
Men's Basketball
at Wheaton Tournament, 1:00

Senior standout Karl Labadorf has scored the game-winning goal in all three postseason tournament games. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

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23 Westfield Athletes Selected All Conference

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By Mickey Curtis, SID

Twenty-three Westfield State College athletes representing seven falls sports were named to postseason all conference squads.

Three of the athletes earned additional acclaim by being selected Players of the Year. Freshman field hockey standout B.J. Dion of Waltham was named Rookie of the Year in both the Mass. State Conference (MASCAC) and the 11-team Little East Conference. Freshman back Joel Dam of Marshfield was named conference Rookie of the Year in men's soccer, and sophomore midfielder Janet Bourget of Holden was chosed the MASCAC Player of the Year in women's soccer.

Dam was one of six players from the NCAA Tournament men's soccer squad selected all conference, and he helped spearhead a defense that allowed only 19 goals in 20 games and set school records for shutouts (11) and consecutive shutouts (seven).

Senior forward Karl Labadorf of Wilbraham and sophomore midfielder Chris Whalley of Southwick were first team honorees. Labadorf, a three-time all conference first teamer, tied for the conference scoring title with Player of the Year Greg Bennett of Worcester. Labadorf tallied 14 goals and 11 assists for 39 points; he ranks 10th on the school's all-time scoring list with 111 points.

Whalley, the 1999 Rookie of the Year, was the conference's fourth leading scorer with 28 points, including a league-high 14 assists.

Second-team soccer selections were: senior Andrew Lewis of Danvers; sophomore back David Gadouas of Chicopee; senior midfielder Chris Machado of Weymouth, and Joel Dam.

Lewis, a three-time all conference pick, ranked sixth in conference scoring with seven goals and 10 assists; he is 11th on the Owls' career scoring charts with 93 points. Machado, a senior co-captain, finished the season with one goal and nine assists.

Bourget was Westfield's only first team selection in women's soccer. She ranked fifth in conference scoring with 10 goals and four assists, and had big games in victories over Fitchburg, Worcester and Salem.

Second-team women's soccer selections were: senior midfielder Krista DiCarlo of West Springfield, senior back Melissa Reed of Townsend, and senior forward Erin Reardon of Southampton. DiCarlo was first-team all conference her first three seasons, while Reed was a first-teamer in 1999.

Four members of the MASCAC champion field hockey squad were honored. Dion and senior back Brooke Wadhams of Goshen, Conn., were first team selections in both the MASCAC and Little East Conference. Junior back Sara Monahan of Holliston and junior midfielder Alison Pratt of Feeding Hills were second-team MASCAC selections.

Dion led the conference in points per game (1.71 average), with 29 points (12 goals, 5 assists). Wadhams and Monahan were second-team all conference in both 1999 and 1998.

In volleyball, senior middle blocker Larissa Farrell of Ashfield was a first-team choice for the second consecutive year. Named to the second team were junior setter Sarah Cormier of Lowell and junior outside hitter Katie Simlick of Enfield, Conn.

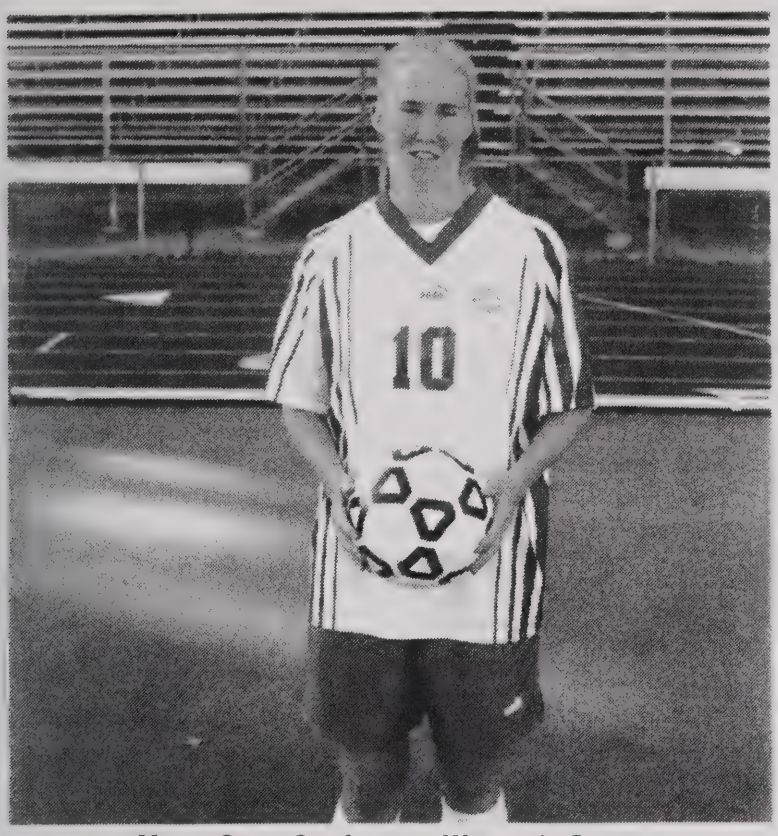
Three members of the cross country teams earned all conference honors by finishing in the top seven in the MASCAC championships. In the men's meet, senior Jason Pappas of Fitchburg and sophomore Tom Bousquet of Chicopee finished second and third, respectively. Starr Hockenberry of Southwick finished fifth in the women's race.

In football, three Westfield State players were chosen all-stars in the 14-team New England Football Conference.

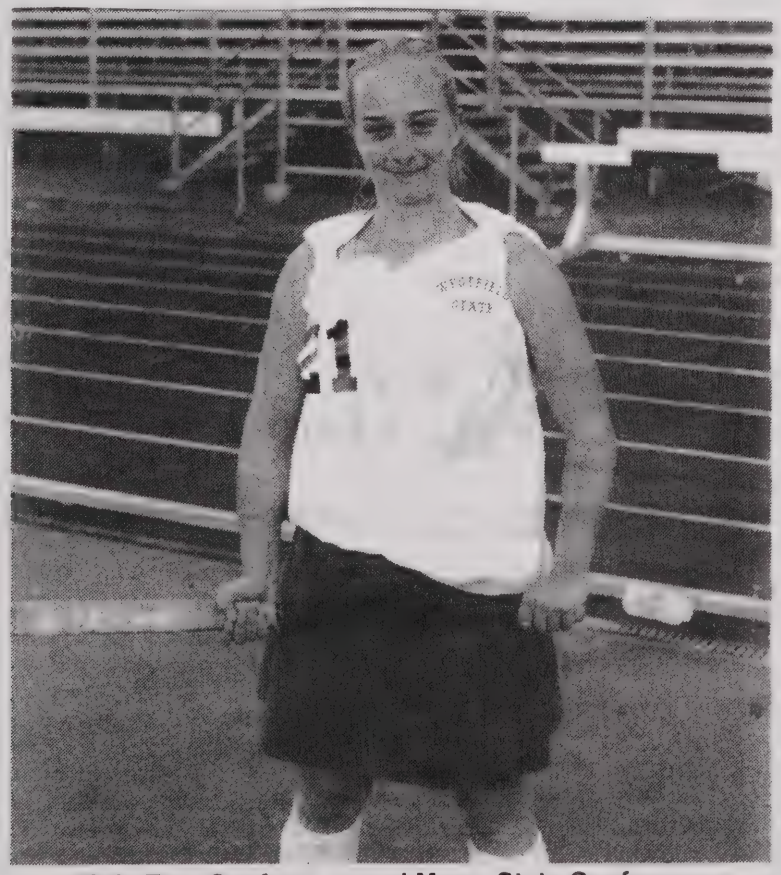
Senior defensive end Tim Corr of Duxbury and punter John Frasco of Chicopee were both first teamers. Frasco led the conference in punting with a 39.5 average. Corr was near the top in several defensive categories, with nine tackles for losses, seven sacks, and four fumbles.

Senior linebacker Ken Stewart of Southbridge was named second-team all conference; he finished fifth in the NEFC with 92 tackles.

Also honored during Westfield State's outstanding fall sports seasons were two coaches. Hilary Epling (volleyball) and Heather Cabral (field hockey) were selected conference Coach of the Year.



Mass. State Conference Women's Soccer Player of the Year Janet Bourget



Little East Conference and Mass. State Conference Field Hockey Rookie of the Year B.J. Dion

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Mass. State Conference Men's Soccer Rookie of the Year Joel Dam

Jason Pappas Leads Owls At Cross Country Regionals

NORTH DARTMOUTH - Senior Jason Pappas was Westfield State's top runner in the New England Division III Regional cross country championships held at UMass Dartmouth Nov. 11.

Pappas finished 43rd out of 251 runners with a time of 26:17.98 over the five-mile layout. Sophomore Tom Bousquet of Chicopee placed 93rd in 27:16.86.

The Owls finished 20th in the 34-team meet with 565 points; they edged conference rival Bridgewater State, which totaled 567 points.

Keene State won the men's meet with 35 points followed by Williams College with 52. Keene's Wilson Perez was the individual winner with a 24:38.21 clocking.

In the women's meet, Middlebury College nipped Williams for the team title, 60-61. Springfield standout Barb Swallow was the individual champion in 17:26.3 over the 3.1 mile course.

Westfield senior Starr Hockenberry of Southwick placed 116th with a time of 20:01.34. Sophomore Catie Geldert of Otis (Monument Mountain H.S.) finished 134th in 20:36.34.

The Owls placed 24th in the 35-team women's meet.

Complete results are located at: www.coolrunning.com

Depth Leads Swim Team Past Plymouth State

Nov 2000

PLYMOUTH, N.H. - The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team improved to 2-0 with a 160-135 victory at Plymouth State Nov. 11.

Double winners were senior captain Jody Stiefel in the 500 freestyle (6:10.50) and 1000 freestyle (12:47.05); senior captain Julie Abare in the 50 breaststroke (35.63) and 100 breaststroke (1:16.38); and freshman Dana LeDuke in the 50 butterfly (29.06) and the 100 butterfly (1:04.49).

Freshman Jenny Gilbert won the 50 backstroke (35.63). Also finishing first was the 200 medley relay team of Stiefel, Julie Abare, LedDuke and Gilbert.

Both teams recorded eight first places. Picking up key individual second places for the Owls were: Nicole Acheson (200 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 500 freestyle), Rachel Machkowsky (50 backstroke), Katie Abare (50 breaststroke), Gilbert (50 freestyle, 100 backstroke), and LedDuke (200 IM).

Westfield Ice Hockey Team Edges Assumption, 3-2

WORCESTER - The Westfield State ice hockey team spoiled Assumption College's home opener by defeating the Greyhounds, 3-2.

The Owls took a 1-0 into the second period on a goal by freshman Bobby Shaw. Westfield also received a goal from senior captain Matt Fontaine, along with three assists by fellow senior Mike Fitzgerald and two assists by junior Brian Donnelly.

Also contributing strong efforts were freshmen forwards Ken Hetzel and Mike Palazzola, and defensemen Kevin Pelkey and Brian Huggon.

The game winning goal was scored by sophomore Ryan Lawless with 2:09 left in the third period. Westfield also received a tremendous performance from goalie Ardian Kalezic who made 33 saves.

"We proved to a lot of people what level this team is at. We also showed a great deal of character and heart. This was a tremendous win for us. I am proud of our team," said head coach Brian Ward.

Moeller gives Lions new direction

BY NEIL BEST
NEWSDAY

Gary Moeller hasn't had much time to ponder the shocking turn his life has taken over the past 10 days, but there are moments when it hits him.

``It was such a whirlwind," he said. ``You would get up in the morning and start getting ready to go to work, and you would think, What in the world?"

What in the world is a 59-year-old known primarily for his embarrassing exit from the University of Michigan doing as coach of the Detroit Lions - on a few hours' notice, armed with a stunning three-year contract?

It started with Bobby Ross' resignation on Nov. 6, one of the most unusual in NFL history. The Lions were 5-4 at the time. Even though Ross was suffering from physical ailments and from the stress of an up-and-down season, most expected him to make it to the end of the season.

Ross, known for his intensity as a coach, led Georgia Tech to a national championship in 1990 and the San Diego Chargers to a Super Bowl appearance in 1994.

But, at age 63, he was starting to break down. Moeller, the assistant head coach and linebackers coach, tried to counsel him.

``I think because of all his effort, more mentally than physically, he just got drained," Moeller said. ``I said, `Just be like Bear Bryant the last couple of years and stand by the goalpost with a hat on. You earned this. Sit back and enjoy it and let me do some of the work.' He said, `I couldn't coach that way.' "

After the Lions lost to the Dolphins, 23-8, on Nov. 5, Ross quit the next day, and Owner William Clay Ford Sr. not only hired Moeller, but gave him a long-term contract and full power over football decisions. Five years after leaving Michigan following an arrest outside a restaurant in which he had been drinking heavily and being abusive, he found himself at the helm of one of the NFL's most tradition-rich franchises.

So far, so good. He won his professional head coaching debut, 13-10, over the Falcons Sunday, and faces his first road game this week, against the Giants. His players have praised his more relaxed approach and upbeat attitude compared to Ross.

``He's one of the guys," quarterback Charlie Batch said. ``He'll say, `OK, mistakes are going to happen.' ... You can tell he has his way of talking to a player and getting his point across."

To help him do so, the team gave him long-term security, an advantage most coaches who take over in midseason do not enjoy. ``You have to get yourself together," Batch said, ``because he knows he's going to be here and now it's a matter of guys having to play. There is no guarantee we'll be here next year."

This Week's Schedule

Tuesday, Nov. 21
Men's Basketball
at Elms, 7:00

Westfield State Athletics Website

www1.wsc.ma.edu/athletics

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Men's Soccer Falls In NCAA Tournament

Scoring Spurt Lifts Middlebury To 3-1 Victory

MIDDLEBURY, Vt. - The Westfield State College men's soccer team's stellar season came to an end Saturday, Nov. 11, as it was defeated by Middlebury College, 3-1, in the New England Regional semifinals of the NCAA Division III tournament.

The Owls had their 10-game winning streak snapped and finished with a 15-5 record. Middlebury, ranked 19th nationally, improved to 13-2-3 with the home victory.

Middlebury also was eliminated from the NCAA Tournament as it lost to rival Williams College, 1-0, in the regional finals Nov. 12. Williams blanked Wheaton, 2-0, in the other regional semifinal.

"We played a good game; we just lost our focus for about 10 minutes," said Westfield State coach Paul Whalley.

Middlebury scored three goals in a 10-minute span to take a commanding 3-0 lead with 41:11 left in the game.

The first goal came with 5:51 left in the first half when Aaron Barsch perfectly headed the ball over the outstretched arms of Westfield goalie Nick Ammendolia. The header came off a rebound following a save by a Westfield defender in the penalty box.

Middlebury then struck for two quick goals early in the second

SENIOR LEADERSHIP - Seniors on this year's highly successful Westfield State men's soccer team, left to right: Chris Machado, Karl Labadorf, Nick Ammendolia, and Andrew Lewis. Labadorf and Lewis rank 10th and 11th on Westfield's career scoring list with 111 and 93 points, respectively. *Mickey Curtis Photo*

Mass. State Conference Smith Cup Standings

Place	School	Points	Possible Points	%
1st	Westfield	23	36	.639
2nd	Bridgewater	19	36	.527
3rd	Worcester	14	36	.389
T-4th	Fitchburg	6.67	36	.185
T-4th	Framingham	6.67	36	.185
6th	Mass. College	2	24	.083
7th	Salem	0.67	30	.022
8th	Mass. Maritime	0	24	.000

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Men's Soccer
T-1) Worcester
T-1) Westfield
3) Massachusetts College

Women's Soccer
1) Framingham
T-2) Bridgewater
T-2) Westfield

Field Hockey
1) Westfield
2) Worcester
3) Fitchburg

Men's Cross Country
1) Bridgewater
2) Westfield
3) Fitchburg

Women's Cross Country
1) Westfield
2) Bridgewater
3) Fitchburg

Football
T-1) Bridgewater
T-1) Worcester
3) Fitchburg

Vollyeball
1) Bridgewater
2) Westfield
T-3) Framingham, Salem, Fitchburg

6 Points are awarded for first place, 4 for second place and 2 for third place in round robin competitions
3 Points are awarded for first place, 2 for second place and 1 for third place in Cross-Country and Track

Swimming Squad Raises Record To 3-0

SPRINGFIELD - The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team raised its record to 3-0 with a 134-114 victory over Western New England College on Nov. 28.

Double winners for the Owls were: freshman Jenny Gilbert in the 50 freestyle (28.1) and 100 backstroke (1:11.44); senior Julie Abare in the 50 breaststroke (36.24) and 100 breaststroke (1:17.19); and freshman Dana LedDuke in the 50 butterfly (29.09) and 100 butterfly (1:05.05).

Also placing first were: freshman Nicole Acheson (200 freestyle, 2:15.19); freshman Rachel Machowsky (50 backstroke, 32.13); and the 200 medley relay team of Jody Stiefel, Julie Abare, LedDuke and Gilbert. Stiefel also finished second in the 1000 freestyle and the 100 backstroke.

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Men's Basketball Rallies For Win Over Nichols

WESTFIELD - Sophomore guard Ethan Slavin (Mohegan Lake, NY) scored a team-high 16 points, including five points in the final two minutes, to rally Westfield State to an 81-75 come-from-behind men's basketball victory over Nichols College.

Slavin converted a steal into a layup to give the 3-1 Owls a 76-75 lead with 1:40 remaining. With just under a minute left, the 5-10 reserve drained a three-pointer from the right wing to increase the lead to four, 79-75.

Nichols, also 3-1, jumped out to a 32-18 lead on the strength of its three-point shooting. The Bison canned 7-of-12 three-point attempts in the first half, but the Owls battled back to trail by two, 48-46, at the break.

Westfield took its first lead, 57-55, with 17 minutes remaining on a spectacular alley-oop dunk by 6-1 junior forward Bryant James, a transfer from Holyoke Community College.

The teams cooled off in the second half, especially from three point range. For the game, Nichols was 10-for-28 (3-16 second half) from beyond the arc, while the Owls were 8-for-33 (3-20 second half).

Senior guard Kris Kachelmeyer had 13 points in Westfield's balanced attack, followed by freshman forward Vaso Jaukovic (12 points), and James (10 points, team-high seven rebounds).

Senior forward Ryan Ankstitus of Marlboro led the Bison with 23 points and nine rebounds. Sophomore guard Brian Cordozo had 18 points and seven assists, while junior center Patrick McQuillan grabbed 17 rebounds.

Westfield 91 - Elms 59

CHICOPEE - Bryant James posted game-highs of 27 points, 11 rebounds, two blocks and four steals to lead Westfield State to a 91-59 men's basketball victory over Elms College on Tuesday, Nov. 21.

James, a 6-1 junior transfer from Holyoke Community College, canned 13 of 19 shots from the field and grabbed eight offensive rebounds.

The Owls' pressure defense forced numerous Elms turnovers as they jumped out to a 45-26 halftime lead.

Guard Patrick Luckett, a sophomore transfer from Springfield Technical Community College, tallied 12 points. Senior forward Jon Mazzone also scored 12 points and sophomore guard Ethan Slavin came off the bench to contribute 10 points.

Westfield 100 - Mt. Ida 87

NORTON - Sophomore Patrick Luckett of Springfield Central led Westfield State's balanced attack with 18 points to lead the Owls to a 100-87 victory over Mount Ida in the consolation game of the Wheaton College Tournament.

Also scoring in double figures were senior Kris Kachelmeyer of Bernardston (15 points), senior Kurt Huggins (13), sophomore Ethan Slavin (16), and junior Phil Conners (13).

The Owls drained nine three-point baskets, including four by Conners and three by Slavin.

In first round action, Westfield lost to Wheaton, 89-72, while Keene State defeated Mt. Ida, 88-63. Wheaton edged Keene State, 85-82, in the championship game.

Sophomore guard Ethan Slavin, left, has emerged as a key contributor for the Westfield State men's basketball team this season. Slavin scored 16 points, including five in the final two minutes, to lead the Owls to a hard-fought 81-75 victory over Nichols in their home opener. Slavin, a communication major from Moheghan Lake, N.Y., was named to the all-tournament team in the Wheaton Tipoff Tournament. *Mickey Curtis File Photo*

Sports

Women's Basketball Falls To East Conn.

WILLIMANTIC, Conn. - Freshman forward Allison Coleman scored a game-high 24 points, including a key three-pointer with five minutes left that capped an 11-0 run, to power the Eastern Connecticut State University women's basketball team to a 73-63 win over Westfield State on Nov. 28.

With the score tied 49-all with 8:41 left, Eastern (3-0) scored 11 straight points over a three-minute span to move out to a 60-49 advantage with 5:24 left. Junior guard Joanna Debicki had four of her 15 points in the run and 11 of her final total in the second half.

Coleman, who had scored a season-high 25 points nine days ago, converted five three-pointers for the second straight game. She also had four steals and three assists.

A key to Eastern's victory was its three-point shooting. The Warriors were 7-for-20 from beyond the arc, while Westfield was just 1-for-10. In addition, Westfield was outrebounded, 44-27.

Senior Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield led Westfield with 16 points and six assists. Senior Monique Chapdelaine of Sturbridge also scored 16 points and junior forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield tallied 13 points.

Vassar 53 - Westfield 51

POUGHKEEPSIE, N.Y. - Vassar College survived a Westfield State second-half comeback for a 53-51 victory over the Owls in the championship game of the Vassar Women's Basketball Invitational.

Sophomore forward Carleen Aubee poured in 16 of her game-high 22 points in the first half to lead Vassar to a 34-23 halftime lead. Westfield tightened its defense in the second half and took a 41-40 lead with 7:45 remaining.

Vassar regained the lead a minute later and held off the Owls, who missed a shot inside the key in the final seconds.

Senior co-captain Monique Chapdelaine of Sturbridge led Westfield with 17 points. Sophomore center Melissa Cote of Feeding Hills had 14 points. Senior co-captain Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield contributed seven points, 10 assists and four steals.

Westfield 63
William Paterson 39

In their tournament opener, the Owls posted an impressive 63-39 victory over William Paterson, N.J., as they jumped out to a 33-14 halftime lead. William Paterson only shot 23 percent from the field in the game.

Vielmetti led the balanced attack with 11 points, five assists, seven rebounds and two steals. Junior forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield tallied 11 points, and freshman Abbey Laffond of Athol had 10 points and seven rebounds.

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Tuesday, Dec. 5
Women's Basketball
vs. West Conn., Home, 6:00
Men's Basketball
vs. West Conn., Home, 8:00

Thursday, Dec. 7
Women's Basketball
vs. Mass Boston, Home, 6:00

Saturday, Dec. 9
Swimming and Diving
vs. Smith, Home, 1:00
Men's Basketball
at Amherst, 7:00
Indoor Track and Field
at Wesleyan

Banacos Road Race Results

6.2 Mile Course

Bill Sicard 37:47; Richard Clark 38:46; George Barker 39:09; T.J. Martin 39:34; Mike Murphy 39:59; Al Bohdiewicz 40:09.

Mike Sheldon 40:15; Craig Stokowski 40:29; Paul Bazanchuk 41:27; Tom O'Connor 41:47.

Herschel Bloome 41:51; George Reynolds 42:05; Ed Murphy 42:07; Jonathan Tetherly 42:16; Kelly Heroux 42:49.

Bill O'Neill 44:42; Gary Tallman 45:01; Dan Nolan 45:32; Don Ryan 45:36; Mark Lynch 46:13; Tony Santamaria 46:19.

Bill Holt 46:27; Sara Szu 46:47; Allen Frey 46:47; Bill Drohan 47:43; Tim Londo 48:54; Greg Musante 50:45.

Ellen Bellicchi 51:02; Ed Dwyer 51:20; Peter Miller 52:53; Robert Larrabee 54:43; Eric Breitung 62:07; Bruce Kurtz 64:22.

Maribeth Muldeon 66:00; Stephen Plante 66:00; Lauren Nolan 66:00.

Varsity Sports Fall Banquet Tuesday, Dec. 12, 5:30 Scanlon Hall

Student-Athletes must pick up their tickets by Dec. 7 in the athletics dept. Ely 244

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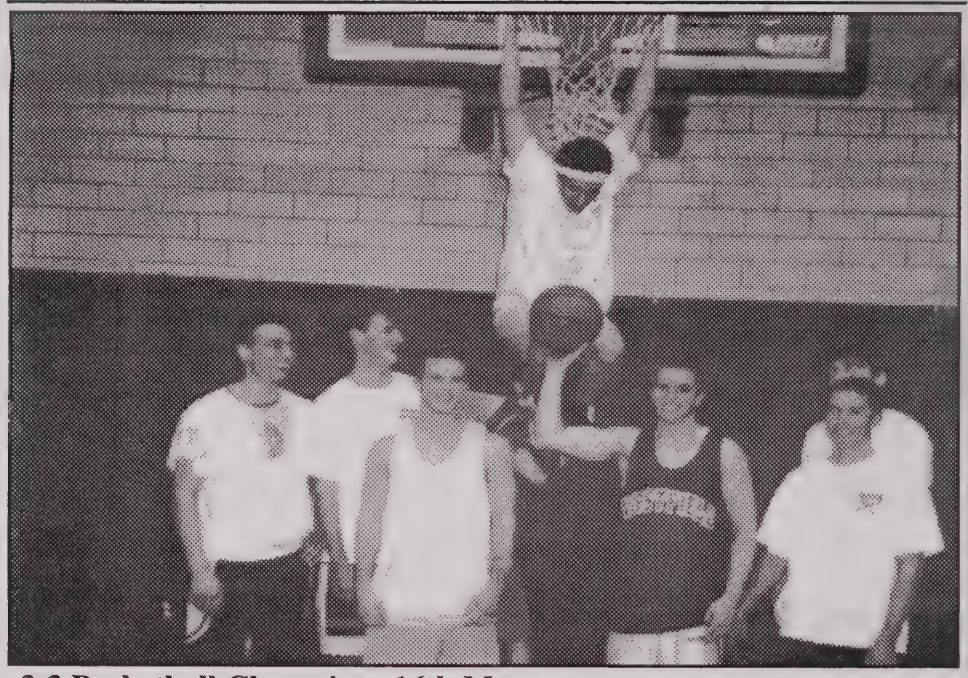

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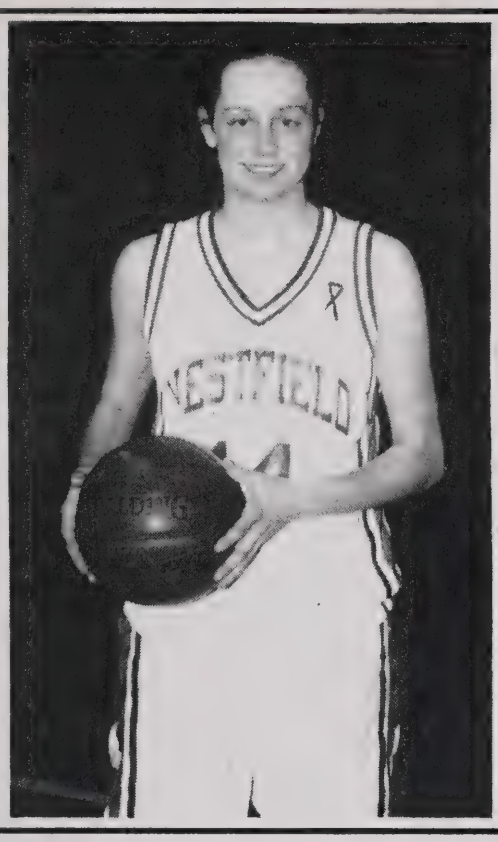

Senior Jamie Vielmetti was named to the Mass. State Conference weekly honor roll for leading the Owls to victories over Elms College and Western New England. The South Deerfield native leads the Owls in scoring (12.7), assists (6.8), and steals (2.83) per game. *Mickey Curtis File Photo*

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Indoor Track and Field Results

Men's Track and Field
Williams Invitational

TEAM STANDINGS: Williams 100; Keene State 59; Westfield 50; New Paltz 18; Middlebury 8.

FIRST PLACE: Mike Neely, high jump, 6-0.

SECOND: Mark Howard, 20 lb. weight, 11.91 meters; Mike Neely 55 hurdles, 8.11; 4 x 200 relay, 1:37.1; Stanley Pa'u, shot put, 13.84 meters; Jim Foley, high jump, 5-8.

THIRD: Ryan Fregeau,triple jump, 39-9 1/2; Ryan Fregeau, 55 meters, 6.82; Tom Gilbert, shot put, 12.7 meters; Chris Allie, long jump, 20-3/4; Josh Lewbel, high jump, 5-6.

FOURTH: Tom Gilbert, 20 lb weight throw, 11.55 meters; Matt LeMaire, 55 hurdles, 8.38; Matt James, shot put, 12.55; 4 x 400 relay, 3:42.55.

FIFTH: Tom Gusha, 55 meters, 6.96; Chris Allie, 600, 1:28.82; Mark Howard, shot put, 12.5 meters; Josh Lewbel, long jump, 18-8 3/4.

SIXTH: Chuck Himmel, 55 hurdles, 8.9; Greg Aucoin, 55 meters, 7.01; Jim Foley, shot put, 11.77 meters; Greg Aucoin, long jump, 18-3/4.

SEVENTH: Chris Hume, 55 hurdles, 9.16; Jason Olivari, 55 meters, 7.27.

EIGHTH: Tom Gusha, long jump, 17-6 3/4; Chris Hume, 300, 40.06.

Women's Track and Field
Williams Invitational

TEAM STANDINGS: Williams 88; Middlebury 52.5; Keene State 41; New Paltz 29.5; Westfield State 19.

SECOND: Jess Silva, 55 meters, 7.75; Aimee Worcester, 1000, 3:38.48.

THIRD: 4 x 200 relay, 2:00.0; Nikki Esten, 600, 1:46.26; Jess Silva, 300, 44.28; Lis Collins, shot put, 10.03 meters.

FIFTH: Erin Rourke, 55 hurdles, 10.44; Kate Garrigan, triple jump, 30-4 1/4.

SIXTH: Nikkie Esten, 300, 46.6.

SEVENTH: Lis Collins, 20 lb. weight throw, 8.24 meters.

Women's Basketball Bounces West Conn.

WESTFIELD - Junior forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield totaled 20 points, six rebounds and four steals to lead Westfield State to a 60-36 women's basketball victory over Western Connecticut.

Senior guard Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield contributed 14 points, seven assists, and three steals in the big home victory.

The Owls led 26-16 at halftime and begin pulling away midway through the second half.

Western Connecticut, 2-4, did not have any players score in double figures and only shot 27 percent from the field. In addition, the Colonials committed 31 turnovers.

"That was not an easy 24-point victory," said veteran coach Rick Berger. "Western Connecticut played probably the toughest defense we'll see all year and we had to work hard for every shot. I also was pleased with our defensive effort; we had a hand in their face on every shot they took."

Westfield 54 - WNEC 41

SPRINGFIELD - Senior forward Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield tallied 17 points, eight assists and five steals to lead the Owls to a 54-41 victory.

Junior forward A.J. LaBelle of Ashfield added 12 points and six rebounds for the Owls, who improved their record to 3-2.

Westfield State led 27-13 at halftime and held a 20-point lead, 33-13, with 17:18 remaining. The Golden Bears then went on a 14-2 run to cut the margin to eight, 35-27, after a three-point field goal by Heather Gaydos with 12:27 left.

Vielmetti then scored 11 of the Owls' next 13 points over a five-minute span for a 50-33 advantage with 4:21 left.

Westfield State shot 55 percent from the field, including 61 percent in the second half on 11-for-18 shooting.

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Owls Fall Short In Hard-Fought Loss To W. Conn.

By Mickey Curtis, SID 12/00

WESTFIELD - Western Connecticut State held on for a 76-73 victory over Westfield State in a hard-fought men's basketball game Tuesday, Dec. 5, in front of an overflow Parenzo gym crowd.

Westfield, 4-3, trailed 73-69 when senior guard Kurt Huggins banked in a shot high off the glass with 31.5 seconds remaining. Huggins was fouled on the played and missed the free throw, but freshman forward Vaso Jaukovic put back an offense rebound to tie the score at 73-all with 24.1 seconds left.

Western Connecticut, 4-2, then went to its go-to guy - senior center Everton Stewart (Bloomfield, Conn.), who banked in a seven-footer inside the lane with 8.1 seconds remaining.

Western Connecticut stole Westfield's inbounds pass and the Owls were forced to foul Leonard Rinas with 3.5 seconds remaining. Rinas made his first free throw for a 76-73 lead, but missed his second attempt. Jaukovic grabbed the rebound and took several dribbles before passing the ball to senior guard Kris Kachlemeyer, whose 30-foot buzzer beater from the left wing hit the front of the rim.

Rinas led Western's balanced attack with 17 points, including 8-for-9 from the foul line. Stewart scored 16 followed by Kevin Matthews (15) and Mark Carter (13).

Jaukovic came off the bench to score a game-high 20 points for the Owls, who shot just 37 percent from the field. Huggins and senior Jon Mazzone both tallied 11 points.

The Owls missed 52 field goal attempts and 10 free throws.

"We missed a lot of shots, especially inside, while Western Connecticut made the shots when it had to" said coach Rich Sutter. "Western Connecticut is just a little better than us right now, but if we keep working hard and playing together we'll become a much better team."

championship. Williams struggled during most of its first-round game with Elms before pulling away for a 75-54 triumph.

Alfred scored the final five points of the first half to cut Westfield's lead to seven, 44-37. The Saxons started strong in the second half to take the lead, but Westfield led 69-66 on a three-point basket by Phil Conners with 8:21 left. Alfred then outscored the Owls, 19-6 over the final eight minutes.

Free throw shooting keyed Alfred's comeback, as it made 16 of 24 from the foul line in the second half. Westfield, meanwhile, was 1-for-3 from the charity stripe. Midway through the second half, the Owls had been whistled for eight fouls, while Alfred had no team fouls.

Bryant James led Westfield's balanced attack with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Patrick Luckett and Jon Mazzone both scored 12 points. Kris Kachelmeyer, who was sidelined for the Elms game with a knee injury, scored 11.

E.J. Docteur, Alfred's leading scorer this season with a 21.2 average, scored a game-high 22 points, including 12 in the second half. Kareem McKinnon, a 6-9 senior center from Brooklyn, contributed 17 points and 15 rebounds.

All but one player scored for the Owls in their rout of Elms. Westfield used its depth and quickness to take a 57-37 halftime lead, and an 84-49 advantage with 9:16 remaining.

Senior guard Kurt Huggins pumped in a game-high 20 points in 19 minutes of action. James tallied 17 points and team highs of eight rebounds and two blocks. Freshman forward Vaso Jaukovic finished with 13 points and six rebounds.

Westfield Places Third In William Invitational

WILLIAMSTOWN - The Westfield State men's basketball team placed third in the Williams Invitational held Dec. 1-2.

The Owls could not hold onto a 12-point first-half lead as they lost to Alfred Unversity, 85-75, in the first round. Westfield then handled Elms College for the second time this season, defeating the Blazers, 103-73, in the consolation game

In a battle of unbeaten teams, Williams College defeated Alfred, 73-67, in overtime to claim the

This Week's Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 13
Men's Basketball
Home. vs. Lasell, 7:00

Mt. Holyoke Outswims Westfield

The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team dropped its first dual meet of the season at it lost to a strong Mt. Holyoke squad, 166-121.

Senior Julie Abare was a double winner, finishing first in the 50 breaststroke (35.31) and the 200 breaststroke (2:43.10).

Freshman Dana LedDuke was first in the 50 butterfly (29.06) and second in the 200 butterfly (2:34.91). Freshman Nicole Acheson finished second in both the 200 freestyle (2:15.37) and the 500 freestyle (6:08.48).

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Ice Hockey Has Perfect Week

In a penalty-filled game, the Westfield State hockey team defeated Bates College, 2-1, at Amelia Park.

The Owls' record now stands at 7-3 with a five-game win streak.

Freshman Mike Palazzola scored once and freshman Bobby Shaw scored the game-winner at the 9:34 mark of the third period on a powerplay. Seniors Mike Fitzgerald and Brian Huggon added an assist each, along with freshman James Carapella. Freshman goaltender Ardian Kalezic stopped 25 out of 26 shots he faced.

"We were very undisciplined in the second period," said coach Brian Ward. "We took some foolish penalties. We have to do a better job in adjusting to how certain games are being officiated.

"Kalezic was huge tonight," he added. "He was in a zone. Our guys showed heart in fighting back in the third period."

The Owls successfully killed off more than 20 minutes in penalties.

The following day at the Westfield rink, after trailing 2-1 going into the third period, the Owls scored three goals in the first three minutes of the third period and went on to defeat the nationally ranked Central Connecticut State Blue Devils club hockey team, 4-2.

Shaw tallied a goal and two assists. Freshman Ryan Lawless scored twice, including the game winner at the 17:45 mark of the third period. Carpella tallied the other goal and freshman Ken Hetzel added two assists.

Kalezic was solid once again between the pipes; he stopped 27 shots on his way to his sixth victory of the season.

"I am extremely proud of these guys," Ward said. "This was a huge week for us. We won all three games we played, and this win was very sweet. We once again came from behind and our freshman are growing and developing very quickly, game-by-game."

Westfield also rolled to a 10-0 victory over Worcester Polytech. Lawless registered a hat trick and two assists and freshman Mike Palazzola found the net twice. Also scoring were: Matt Fontaine, Mike Fitzgerald, Carapella, Shaw, and Keith Nadeau. Brian Donnelly contributed two assists.

The Owls' next game is Friday, Dec. 15, at Southern Connecticut State in New Haven.

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Ice Hockey Season Review

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The Westfield State ice hockey team went into the 2000-2001 season with high expectations. The team improved its 6-14-1 record from the 1999-2000 season to an impressive 16-6-2 this year.

The Owls added 14 freshmen to the squad. Senior captain Matt Fontaine, along with fellow seniors Mike Fitzgerald, Steve Mortarelli, Brian Huggon and sophomore Brian Donnelly formed a strong returning nucleus for Head Coach Brian Ward. Mortarelli and Huggon would stay with the team for the first half of the season until their December graduation.

The Owls were 9-3-1 during the season's first half, and at one point they were 7-0-1. The second half of the season saw the team go 7-3-1. They boasted a road record of 9-2-1, while skating to a home record of 7-4-1.

In a key first semester game, the Owls outplayed and outshot Western New England College, but came up short losing 3-1.

"This game was a big confidence boost for our young team. We played well enough to win," said Ward.

The squad then beat Assumption College on the road 3-2. Freshman goaltender Ardian Kalezic led the Owls, stopping 33 out of 35 shots.The team outscored its next two opponents, Sacred Heart and WPI, by a combined score of 14-2.

The next seven days would be the most telling part of the season. The Owls played four games in seven days, while compiling a 3-0-1 record. The team came from behind in every game.

At Curry College, the Owls trailed 3-0 at the start of the third period, then fought back and scored three straight goals. The main story of the game was the 55 saves by goaltender Ardian Kalezic.

"This game not only showed what this young team has, but it also showed what the future holds. This was a huge statement game," said Ward.

Westfield State's only road loss came against Framingham State, 5-1. In a war up in Maine, the team defeated Bates College, 4-3, led by James Carapella's hat trick. Kalezic stopped 36 shots while picking up his ninth victory of the season. The next three games saw Westfield outscore their opponents 32-2. The victories came over Bridgewater State, WPI and Coast Guard.

In the most physical game of the season, Westfield skated to a 2-2 tie with Franklin Pierce. Both teams combined for more than 100 penalty minutes. Westfield then rebounded at Sacred Heart, beating them for the second time, 7-6. The Owls got a strong game from Mike Palazzola, senior Matt Fontaine, and defensemen Keith Nadeau and Mark Carrasquillo.

Westfield then ended its season on a disappointing note. In one of the worst efforts of the season, the Owls fell to Central Connecticut State, 3-2.

"It's unfortunate to end the season this way, but we were a very tired and beat up team. This game will certainly be motivation at the beginning of next season," stated Ward.

Early in June, the college will announce the team's future, and at the team's spring banquet in early May, next year's schedule and captains will be announced. The team bids farewell to seniors Matt Fontaine and Jason Dunner. Sixteen student-athletes return from this year's roster, led by fifth-year senior Mike Fitzgerald and junior Brian Donnelly.

Westfield State sophomore Corey Scafidi was named Mass. State Conference Co-Player of the Week during the final week of the regular season. He had six hits during the week, all for extra bases: two homers, three doubles, and a triple. The Waltham native finished the season with a .312 batting average, trailing junior Josue Zamora (.351) and senior Dan Wenzel (.323).

Photo By Mickey Curtis

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Softball Edged In 11 Innings By Top-Ranked Bridgewater

MAY 2001

BRIDGEWATER - The Westfield State softball team suffered a tough 3-2, 11-inning loss to Bridgewater State in the opening round of the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament last Wednesday.

Bridgewater, the top seed in the tournament, survived the upset bid and won its 20th straight game to improve to 29-10-1. Westfield State, seeded fourth in the four-team double-elimination tournament, is 13-20 overall.

The Owls returned to Bridgewater State for a loser's bracket game vs. Fitchburg State on Saturday, May 5, at 11 a.m. Fitchburg, seeded third, lost to Mass. College, 2-1, in Wednesday's other opening round contest.

Westfield took a 1-0 second-inning lead, then Bridgewater scored twice in the bottom of the fifth. The Owls tied the score with a run in the top of the seventh. Bridgewater finally pulled out the victory in the fourth extra frame on Colleen Dolan's RBI single with no outs and the bases loaded.

Bridgewater outhit Westfield State, 14-6. Sophomore shortstop Nicole Kenney rapped two singles and scored both of Westfield's runs. Senior center fielder Sue Smith was 2-for-4 with an RBI single.

Freshman Sarah Simmons was the losing pitcher; she hurled the final four innings. Junior Sarah Kalagher pitched the first six innings and struck out six.

Softball Sweeps Framingham

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State College softball team earned a berth in the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament with a 3-2, 7-3 doubleheader sweep of Framingham State on Saturday, April 28, in its home finale.

The Owls finished fourth in the eight-team conference with an 8-6 record.

In the opener, the Owls edged Framingham (6-8 conference, 20-13 overall) in eight innings.

The Rams scored two unearned runs in the sixth inning for a 2-1 lead. Westfield tied the score in the home half of the frame on an RBI single by senior center fielder Sue Smith.

Westfield scored the winning run in the eighth on back-to-back doubles by Nicole Kenney and Sarah Kalagher.

Senior third baseman Jill Easttey was 2-for-4 with a double and freshman left fielder B.J. Dion was 2-for-4 with a triple.

Winning pitcher Sarah Simmons allowed six hits.

In the second game, Wesfield rallied from a 3-0 first-inning deficit. The Owls pushed across four runs in the fourth and two more in the fifth.

Winning pitcher Sarah Kalagher was 3-for-3 and Smith was 2-for-3 with two RBI. Sophomore catcher Tasha Goulet was 2 for 3 and Easttey pounded another double to raise her league-leading total for two baggers to 14.

Kalagher allowed five hits and two walks and struck out a season-high nine batters.

Track, Field Teams Defend Conference Titles

Women Win Fourth Straight

The Westfield State women's track and field team captured its fourth straight Mass. State Conference championship with an impressive performance on Saturday, April 28.

Competing on their home track, the Westfield women racked up 245 points to outdistance second place Bridgewater State (194 points).

"We did very outstanding job considering our team really isn't that big (18 athletes)," said coach Sean O'Brien.

The Owls finished first in eight of the 20 events, including the two relay races, and they had standout performances from a trio of freshmen - Abbey Laffond, Jess Silva and Lis Collins.

Laffond set a meet record in the javelin with a toss of 125-5. The Athol native also won the discus (116-4) and finished second in the shot put behind Collins, who set a new school record with a heave of 36-7 3/4. Collins also finished third in the discus and fifth in the hammer throw.

Senior Dave Carabin shows off the first-place hardware during the Westfield State men's track and field team's victory lap after claiming the Mass. State and New England Alliance Conference championships.
Photos By Mickey Curtis

Silva burned a lot of calories during the meet as she placed in four events and ran on the winning 4 x 100 relay. The Reading native won the 400 meter run (1:01.04), and finished second in the long jump, 100, and 200.

Senior Starr Hockenberry supplied the main scoring punch in the long distance runs by finishing first in the 1500 (5:19.10) and second in the 3,000. Also placing first was junior first-year track and field performer Michaela Blaney in the triple jump.

In the New England Alliance track and field championship also held April 28, Westfield State finished a close second in the 11-team meet. Southern Maine won the title with 152 points followed by Westfield with 125.

Laffond (javelin), Silva (400), and Collins (shot put) claimed New England Alliance individual titles along with the 4 x 400 relay squad that consisted of Kristi Lin Popoff, Michaela Blaney, Brigitta Brandt, and Nikki Esten.

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Men Dominate Alliance, MASCAC

The Westfield State men's track and field team continued to dominate the state college competition by easily claiming the New England Alliance and the Mass. State Conference championships, which were both held Saturday, April 28.

The Owls captured their fourth straight Alliance crown by racking up 176 points to easily outdistance Bridgewater State (84) and Keene State (75) in the 11-team meet. Westfield won its fifth straight MASCAC crown in convincing fashion with an incredible 281 points. The other four teams in the MASCAC meet combined to score 331 points.

"Nice, nice," said Westfield State coach Sean O'Brien of the scoring assault. "We have 32 athletes on the men's team and everybody contributed in some fashion. I was especially pleased with the performances of some of our freshmen and sophomores."

The depth was very evident in the Mass. State championship meet as Westfield claimed nine individual titles from nine different athletes. In addition, the Owls sprinted to exciting victories in the 4 x 100 relay (43.55) and 4 x 400 relay (3:27.72) in both the Alliance and MASCAC.

Sophomore Josh Lewbel, who missed last season with an injury, showed his versatility by placing first in the long jump (21-5 1/2), third in the high jump (6-0), and fifth in the jav

Freshmen Chris Hume and Matt LeMaire, along with junior David Eaton, also had productive days. Hume won the 400 hurdles and finished third in the 400 hurdles and fifth in the long jump. LeMaire copped the 110 hurdles and placed fifth in both the 400 hurdles and the high jump. Eaton placed first in the 400, third in the 200, sixth in the 100, and was a member of both championship relays.

Sophomore Ryan Fregeau of Athol did not claim any individual firsts, but he was a member of the winning relays and placed second in both the 100 and 200 behind Worcester State All America sprinter Stanley Egbor, who won in sensational times of 10.93 and 21.44. In addition, Fregeau was fourth in the triple jump and sixth in the long jump.

Junior Vinnie Ferrecchia (javelin) and senior Jason Pappas (3000 steeplechase) defended their MASCAC crowns. Also placing first were: Mark Howard in the hammer throw, Chris Allie in the triple jump, and Marco Iannello in the 800.

Pappas also finished second in the 800, while Tom Gilbert led the weight brigade with second places in the hammer throw and shot put and a fourth in the discus.

In New England Alliance meet, Eaton (400), LeMaire (110 hurdles), Hume (400 hurdles), and Lewbel (long jump) clinched individual titles.

Sophomore Josh Lewbel soars through the air to win the long jump with a leap of 21-5 1/2 inches. Lewbel was one of nine Westfield State athletes to claim indvidual MASCAC titles.

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Track and Field Results

Mass. State Conference
Track and Field Championships

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS -
1. Westfield State 281; 2. Bridgewater State 138; 3. Fitchburg State 75; 4. Worcester State 67; 5. Salem State 51.

FIRST: Vinnie Ferrechia, javelin, 164-0; Mark Howard, hammer throw, 135-7; Josh Lewbel, long jump, 21-5 1/2; Chris Allie, triple jump, 41-4 1/4; Jason Pappas, 3000 steeplechase, 9:55.54; Matt LeMaire, 110 hurdles, 16.02; David Eaton, 400, 50.54; Marco Iannello, 800, 2:01.40; Chris Hume, 400 hurdles, 56.23; 4 x 100 relay (Eaton, Cabarin, Fregeau, Jason Olivari), 43.55; 4 x 400 relay (Eaton, Fregeau, Hume, Iannello), 3:27.72.

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SECOND: Greg Haskell, javelin, 157-8; Tom Gilbert, hammer throw, 130-9; Tom Gilbert, shot put, 43-2 1/2; Andy Barron, 10,000, 34:33.62; Brian Church, 3000 steeplechase, 11:01.23; Ryan Fregeau, 100, 11.44; Jason Pappas, 800, 2:03.3; Ryan Fregeau, 200, 22.63; Tom Bousquet, 5000, 15:55.24.

THIRD: Robert Byrne, discus, 114-4; Nik Wlodyka, pole vault, 10-0; Matthew James, shot put, 42-0; Chris Allie, long jump, 19-9; Josh Lewbel, high jump, 6-0; Chris Hume, 110 hurdles, 16.34; David Carabin, 100, 11.63; Nik Wlodyka, 1500, 4:33; David Carabin, 400 hurdles, 59.33; David Eaton, 200, 23.33.

FOURTH: Stanley P'au, hammer throw, 107-10; Tom Gilbert, discus, 112-3; Ryan Fregeau, triple jump, 37-10 3/4; Andy Barron, 1500, 4:35.50.

FIFTH: Josh Lewbel, javelin, 141-10; Jason Pappas, pole vault, 9-6; Patrick Swett, pole vault, 9-6; Chris Hume, long jump, 18-11 1/4; Brian Church, triple jump, 37-5 3/4; Matt LeMaire, high jump, 5-10; Greg Aucoin, 100, 11.94; Matt LeMaire, 400 hurdles, 1:00.33; Greg Aucoin, 200, 23.84.

SIXTH: Stanley P'au, shot put, 39-0 1/2; Ryan Fregeau, long jump, 18-9 1/4; Jeff Favreau, triple jump, 37-5; David Eaton, 100, 12.45.

Mass. State Conference
Track and Field Championships

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS -
1. Westfield 245; 2. Bridgewater 194; 3. Fitchburg 82; 4. Salem 49; 5. Worcester 22.

FIRST: Abbey Laffond, javelin, 125-5 (meet record); Abbey Laffond, discus, 116-4; Lis Collins, shot put, 36-7 3/4 (school record); Michaela Blaney, triple jump, 32-0 3/4; Starr Hockenberry, 1500, 5:19.10; Jess Silva, 400, 1:01.04; 4 x 100 relay (Silva, Brandt, Bethoney, Esten), 52.54; 4 x 400 relay (Popoff, Blaney, Brandt, Esten), 4:22.62.

SECOND: Abbey Laffond, shot put, 34-11 3/4; Jess Silva, long jump, 15-2 3/4; Deanna Thomas, high jump, 4-11 3/4; Jess Silva, 100, 14.15; Nikki Esten, 400, 1:02.84; Megg Bethoney, 400 hurdles, 1:10.23; Jess Silva, 200, 27.92; Starr Hockenberry, 3000, 11:59.75.

THIRD: Lis Collins, discus, 98-5; Shannon Rhinhart, triple jump, 30-1 1/2; Erin Rourke, high jump, 4-7 3/4; Catie Geldert, 10,000, 45:34.24; Laura Hurley, 5000, 24:17.62; Erin Rourke, 100 hurdles, 18.35; Brigitta Brandt, 100, 14.75; Kristi Lin Popoff, 800, 2:31.4; Catie Geldert, 3000, 12:45.84.

FOURTH: Alyssa Reid, 10,000, 49:40.22; Shannon Rhinhart, 14.83; Brigitta Brandt, 400, 1:06.43; Alyssa Reid, 3000, 13:03.34.

FIFTH: Lis Collins, hammer throw, 96-01; Nikki Esten, long jump, 13-10 1/2; Megg Bethoney, 100 hurdles, 18.76; Andrea Sawler, 800, 2:46.7; Starr Hockenberry, 400 hurdles, 1:20.14; Laura Hurley, 3000, 14:29.84.

SIXTH: Shannon Rhinhart, long jump, 13-10 1/4.

Freshman Lis Collins prepares to heave the shot put during the conference track and field championships held April 28 at Westfield State. Collins set a new school record by flipping the steel ball 36-7 3/4.

Complete Track and Field Conference Results are at: www.coolrunning.com

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Senior Jamie Vielmetti receives a hug from senior teammate Monique Chapdelaine for scoring her 1,000th career point in a home game vs. Framingham State. Vielmetti is the ninth women's basketball player in Westfield State history to reach the magic milestone. Waiting to present Vielmetti flowers is senior Michelle Chapdelaine.

Photos By Lou Ann Simchak

Vielmetti Scores 1,000th Point

Senior standout Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield scored a game high 21 points, including her 1,000th career point, to lead Westfield State to a 68-59 victory over Framingham State.

Vielmetti needed 20 points entering the contest to become the ninth player in Westfield State's women's basketball history to make the magic milestone. She almost achieved the feat in the first half when she scored 17 points to stake the Owls to a 38-21 halftime lead.

Vielmetti scored her 1,000th point with 10:51 left in the game on a left wing jumper just inside the three-point arc.

Heading into the final week of the regular season, Vielmetti leads the Owls in scoring (13.8 point per game), assists (5.9), steals (2.9), and free throw shooting (83 percent). She ranks ninth nationally in assists in the NCAA Division III.

The Owls' final regular season home game is this Saturday at 1:00 vs. Massachusetts College.

Salem Hoop Teams Edge Owls

Men's Basketball
Salem 68 - Westfield 59

WESTFIELD - Senior forward Ed Bourgogne (Dorchester) scored a game-high 20 points to lead Salem State to a hard-fought 68-59 victory over Westfield State.

Salem improved to 15-5 overall and 7-1 in the Mass. State Conference. Westfield is 10-10 overall and 4-5 in league play.

The Vikings withstood a late comeback by the Owls. Trailing by 18 points, 59-41, with 7:19 remaining, Westfield went on a 14-1 run to close within five points, 60-55, with three minutes left. Salem, which did not make a field goal in the final 7:19, hit nine free throws down the stretch to survive the upset bid.

Eric McKoy (Dorchester) scored 14 in Salem's balanced attack and Mike Kmiec (Beverly) added 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Westfield was led by Bryant James' 14 points and eight rebounds. Kurt Huggins was the only other player in double figures with 11 points.

Salem's tough interior defense keyed the victory, as it held the Owls to 34 percent shooting (23-for-68) from the field. Also, Westfield was only 9-for-23 from the foul line.

Women's Basketball
Salem 67 - Westfield 61

WESTFIELD - Sophomore guard Kara Smolinsky scored 20 points and senior guard Tracy McKeen tallied 17 to lead Salem State to a 67-61 victory over Westfield State.

Salem improved to 16-3 overall and 8-0 in the conference. Westfield is 13-7 and 5-4.

Trailing 57-53, the Vikings outscored Westfield 14-4 in the final five minutes of the game. Westfield jumped out to an early 21-12 lead but trailed at halftime, 30-28.

Sophomore center Betsy Nichols scored eight points and grabbed a game-high 15 rebounds for Salem.

Junior Michaela Blaney and A.J. LaBelle led Westfield's balanced attack with 12 points apiece. Senior Jamie Vielmetti had 10 points, six assists and three steals.

Swim Team Finishes 5-3

Westfield 135 - Salem 111

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State women's swimming and diving team finished its dual meet season with a 5-3 record as it defeated Salem State, 135-111.

Freshmen Jenny Gilbert was a triple winner for Westfield, placing first in the 50 backstroke (32.67), 100 backstroke (1:09.32), and 100 individual medley (1:13.73).

Double winners were senior Julie Abare in the 100 breastroke (1:16.54) and 50 breaststroke (35.67) and freshman Dana LedDuke in the 200 freestyle (2:22.85) and 100 freestyle (1:00.97). Kelley Reardon finished first in the one-meter diving.

The team concludes its season on Feb. 16-18 when it competes in the New England championships at Bentley College in Waltham. Twelve members of Westfield State's team are scheduled to participate in the three-day meet.

Bridgewater 167 - Westfield 124

BRIDGEWATER - Bridgewater State posted a 167-124 victory over the Westfield State College women's swimming and diving team.

"We just ran out of people" said coach Dave Laing. "I thought we could have won but we had a number of people who were sick."

Freshman Dana LedDuke was a triple winner for Westfield, placing first in the 200 freestyle (2:16.07), the 100 butterfly (1:08.66), and the 50 butterfly (29.16).

Senior Julie Abare was a double winner, taking the 50 breaststroke (35.84) and the 100 breaststroke (1:17.17). Freshman Jenny Gilbert won the 50 backstroke (32.78) and placed second in the 50 freestyle. Sophomore Kelley Reardon came in second in both diving events.

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Westfield Places Second In Track Championships

GORHAM, Me. - The Westfield State College men's and women's indoor track and field teams both finished second in the New England Alliance championships Feb. 3.

The host school won both meets. Southern Maine scored 128 points in the 11-team men's meet, while the Owls finished with 111.5.

Winning individual titles for Westfield were freshman Matt LeMaire in the 55 high hurdles, who won in a photo finish with a time of 8.13; and sophomore Josh Lewbel in the long jump, with a fine effort of 21-8 1/4.

Second places were recorded by sophomore Ryan Fregeau in the 200 (23.05); senior Jason Pappas in the 800 (2:01.42); freshman Stanley Pau in the shot put (45-6 1/2), and the 4 x 400 relay team (3:35.49).

Placing third for the Owls were: junior Marco Iannello in the 600 (1:26.45), sophomore Chris Allie in the triple jump (41-3 1/4); sophomore Tom Gilbert in the 20-pound weight throw (45-5); and the 4 x 800 relay (8:26.25).

Fregeau (55 dash, triple jump) and Allie (400, long jump) each placed fourth in two events, as did sophomore Mike Neely (55 hurdles, high jump).

In the women's meet, Westfield tallied 108.5 points to finish a distant second to Southern Maine (162). Freshman standout Jess Silva of Reading led Westfield by placing first in the 400 (1:01.36); second in the 55 dash (7.9) and 200 (28.11); and third in the long jump (15-7 1/2). Silva also anchored the 4 x 200 and 4 x 400 relay teams that both placed second.

Also claiming an individual title was sophomore Megg Bethoney in the 55 hurdles (9.54). Placing second were Bethoney (600) and freshman Nikki Esten (400).

Third places were recorded by freshmen Aimee Worcester (800), Kristi Popoff (1,000), Erin Rourke (55 hurdles), Lis Collins (shot put), and the 4 x 800 relay.

"I was pleased with how well our teams performed," said coach Sean O'Brien. "We had a lot of people score in the men's meet, and our women did better that we had anticipated. Our teams ended up scoring as many points as they did when we won (Alliance titles) but we just didn't get any help this year from the other teams in the meet."

Indoor Track and Field Results

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Southern Maine 162; Westfield 108.5; Keene State 104.5; Rhode Island College 41; Mass Dartmtouh 33; Bridgewater 25; Fitchburg 25; Eastern Connecticut 20; Salem 19; Mass Boston 8; Worcester State 7.

WESTFIELD'S TOP FINISHERS

FIRST: Jess Silva, 400, 1:01.36; Megg Bethoney, 55 hurdles, 9.54.

SECOND: Jess Silva, 55 meters, 7.9; Jess Silva, 200, 28.11; Nikki Esten, 400; 1:03.60; Megg Bethoney, 600, 1:47.13; 4 x 200 relay, 1:55.06; 4 x 400 relay, 4:32.24.

THIRD: Aimee Worcester, 800; 2:30.55; Kristi Popoff, 1,000, 3:24.81; Erin Rourke, 55 hurdles, 9.79; 4 x 800 relay, 10:59.57; Jess Silva, long jump, 15-7 1/2; Lis Collins, shot put, 33-1.

FIFTH: Starr Hockenberry, 600, 1:55.48; Lis Collins, weight throw, 35-10 3/4.

SIXTH: Erin Rourke, high jump, 4-6.

EIGHTH: Catie Geldert, 1500, 5:26.88; Starr Hockenberry, 3000, 11:48.01.

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: Southern Maine 128; Westfield 111.5; Keene State 79; Rhode Island College 45; Mass Dartmouth 43; Salem 36; Bridgewater 27; Worcester 26.5; Eastern Connecticut 22; Fitchburg 5; Mass Boston 4.

WESTFIELD'S TOP FINISHERS

FIRST: Matt LeMaire, 55 hurdles, 8.13; Josh Lewbel, long jump, 21-8 1/4.

SECOND: Ryan Fregeau, 200, 23.05; Jason Pappas, 800, 2:01.42; 4 x 400 relay, 3:35.49; Stanley Pau, shot put, 45-6 1/2.

THIRD: Marco Iannello, 600, 1:26.45; 4 x 800 relay, 8:26.25; Chris Allie, triple jump, 41-3 1/4; Tom Gilbert, weight throw, 45-5.

FOURTH: Ryan Fregeau, 55 meters, 6.79; Chris Allie, 400, 52.92; Mike Neely, 55 hurdles, 8.35; Mike Neely, high jump, 5-11 1/2; Chris Allie, long jump, 20-9; Ryan Fregeau, triple jump, 40-4 1/4.

FIFTH: David Eaton, 55 meters, 6.85; David Eaton, 200, 23.93; Jim Foley, high jump, 5-9 3/4; Tom Gilbert, shot put, 43-1 3/4; Mark Howard, weight throw, 42-8.

SIXTH: David Carabin, 55 meters, 7.08; Tom Bousquet, 1000, 2:42.14.

SEVENTH: Greg Aucoin, 200, 24.41; Josh Lewbel, high jump, 5-9 3/4.

EIGHTH: Stanley Pau, weight throw, 37-5.

Men's Basketball Rallies To Defeat Framingham

WESTFIELD - After trailing 23-13 at halftime, Westfield State finished with a 14-2 scoring spurt in the final five minutes of the game to rally for a thrilling 50-44 victory over Framingham State in the Mass. State Conference tournament opening round last Tuesday before an overflow crowd in the Owl Dome.

The Owls, seeded fourth and 14-10 overall, played top seeded Salem State in the semifinals last Friday at Salem State.

Westfield took its first lead, 45-44, since midway through the first half when sophomore guard Patrick Luckett (Springfield Central) canned two free throws with 2:02 remaining.

After a missed Framingham shot in the paint, the Owls got a breakaway layup from Kris Kachelmeyer (Bernardston) for a 47-44 with 35 seconds left. Framingham then turned over the ball with 18.1 seconds remaining, and the Owls sealed the victory on a reverse layup by Kurt Huggins at the 11-second mark.

The Owls came out cold on their homecourt, shooting only 19 percent (5 of 27) in the first half. Westfield scored the game's first field goal with 12:25 left in the first half, and the Owls led 7-4 with 10:48 remaining before Framingham went on an 11-0 run.

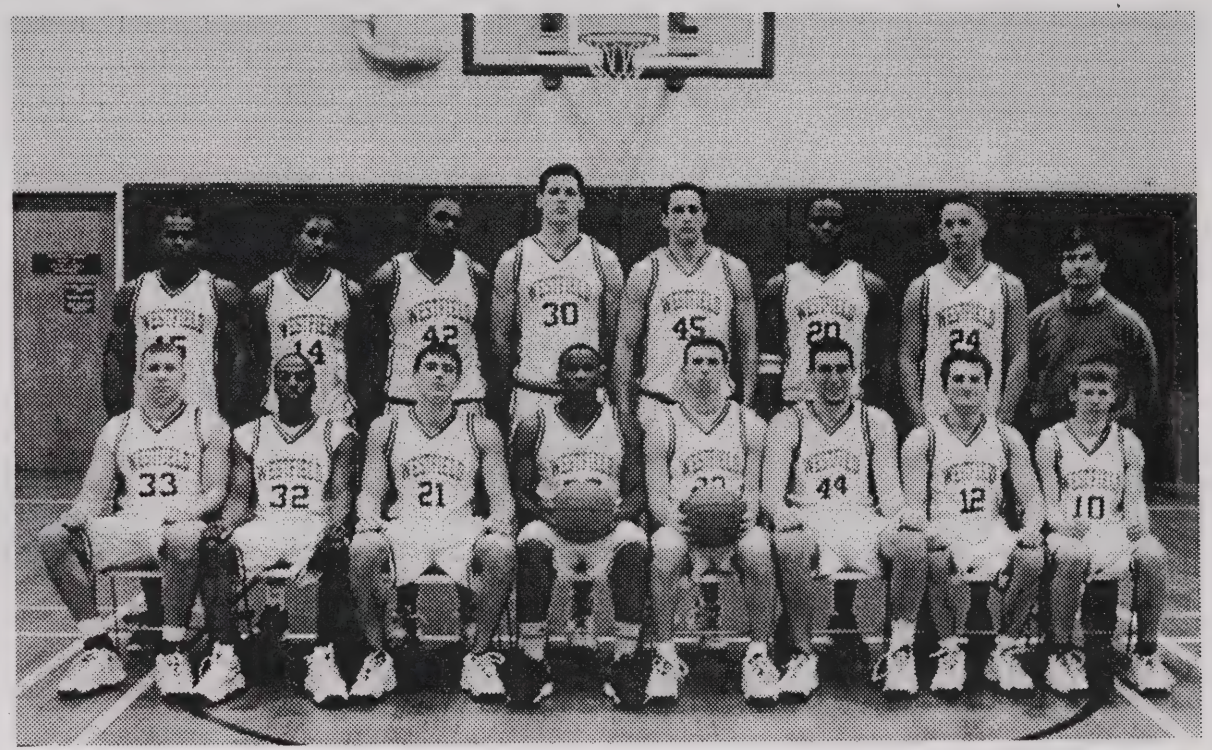
Luckett led Westfield's balanced attack with 13 points. Junior forward Bryant James had 10 points and a game-high 12 rebounds. Kachelmeyer finished with 10 points. Huggins had nine points and eight boards.

Senior forward Khele Sparks (Brattleboro, Vt.) sparked Westfield's comeback with his second-half defense (seven rebounds, three steals, two blocks). Also, he held Jason Lane - the conference's leading scorer - to eight points.

Guard Jason Robbins (Marlboro) led Framingham with 15 points.

Framingham, which has the lowest defensive scoring average in the conference, finished its season with an 11-13 record, including three losses to Westfield State.

Conference tournament records were set for lowest scoring game (94 points) and fewest points scored by a team.



WESTFIELD STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM: First row, left to right: Khele Sparks, Patrick Luckett, Adam Cobb, Kurt Huggins, Kris Kachelmeyer, Jon Mazzone, Chris Caputo, Ethan Slavin. Second row: Bryant James, Darien Galloway, Jeroy Smith, Vaso Jaukovic, Ryan Rea, Aboubacar Ga ssama, Phil Conners, coach Rich Sutter.
Photo By Mickey Curtis

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Chapdelaine's Late Heroics Lift Owls To Playoff Victory

WESTFIELD - Senior forward Monique Chapdelaine (Sturbridge) made a driving layup with five seconds remaining to rally Westfield State College to a thrilling 57-55 victory over Fitchburg State in the opening round of the Mass. State Conference postseason basketball tournament.

The Owls, 16-8 and seeded third, played Framingham State in the semifinals, scheduled for Salem State last Thursday. Fitchburg, seeded sixth, finished its season 8-17.

Chapdelaine also hit a baseline shot to give the Owls a 55-53 lead with 1:51 remaining. Fitchburg tied the score at the 1:27 mark on a bucket by Theresa Scavone, who came off the bench to spark the Falcons with 11 second-half points.

Scavone, however, missed a layup with 12 seconds remaining. In a mad scramble for the loose ball, Westfield's Melissa Cote grabbed the rebound and fired and outlet pass to Jamie Vielmetti, who then whipped one of her game-high six assists to Chapdelaine for the game-winning breakaway bucket. Westfield's A.J. LaBelle stole the ensuing inbounds pass to preserve the victory.

In a game of runs, Fitchburg took advantage of poor Westfield shooting (the Owls made 2 of their first 17 shots) to take a 17-8 lead. The Owls then went on a 13-0 run for a 21-18 advantage, but they trailed at halftime, 28-26.

Westfield had a 7-0 run early in the second half that led to a 39-30 lead; but sparked by Scavone, the Falcons went on an 11-0 scoring spree for a 41-39 advantage with 12:08 remaining. Fitchburg led for most of the final 12 minutes before Chapdelaine's last-minute heroics.

Cote - a sophomore center from Feeding Hills - posted game-highs of 14 points and 14 rebounds. Chapdelaine tallied 12 points and a game-high five steals. Junior guard Michaela Blaney (North Andover) scored 11 points, while LaBelle added 10 points and six rebounds in the balanced attack.

The Owls only shot 30 percent from the field as their top two scorers this season - Vielmetti and LaBelle - were a combined 4 for 25. Free throw shooting was a major factor in the game's outcome. Westfield was 21 for 29 from the foul line, Fitchburg only 2 of 4.

Freshman center Meredith Cirpriani (Wilmington) racked up 18 points and 14 boards for the Falcons, who shot 39 percent from the field but committed 28 turnovers, including 20 in the first half. Freshman guard Jamie Morgan (Danvers) scored 12 points.

Student-Athlete's Study Hall Schedule

Sunday - 7 to 9
Monday - 7:30 to 9:30
Wednesday - 7:30 to 9:30

WESTFIELD STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM: First row, left to right: Brenda Knott, Michaela Blaney, Monique Chapdelaine, Jamie Vielmetti, Michelle Chapdelaine, A.J. LaBelle, Alyssa Tedesco. Second row: Michelle Medina, Shannon Dunlavey, Nicole Sealander, Tara Minishak, Melissa Cote, Abbey Laffond, Lindsey Coleman, Leslie Cooke, Tricia Pendergast, coach Kristen Schmaelzle.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

New England Division III Track Results

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Wheaton College 199; 2. Williams 134; 3. Tufts 58; 21. **Westfield 4.**

Westfield's Top Finishers:
6th place: Jess Silva, 400, 1:01.39.
8th place: Meaghan Bethony, 55 hurdles, 9.30.
10th place: 4 x 400 Relay, 4:20.14.
15th place: Aimee Worcester, 800, 2:35.44; 4 x 800 Relay, 10:52.07.
16th place: Lis Collins, shot put, 32-7.75.

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Williams 121; 2. MIT 111; 3. Springfield 65; 20. **Westfield 4.**

Westfield's Top Finishers:
4th place: Ryan Fregeau, 200, 22.82.
7th place: Stanley Pau, shot put, 13.48 meters.
8th place: Josh Lewbel, long jump, 6.25 meters.
9th place: 4 x 800 relay, 8:16.91.
10th place: Mike Neely, 55 hurdles, 8.06.
11th place: Tom Gilbert, weight throw, 13.36 meters.
12th place: 4 x 400 relay, 3:32.99.
15th place: Distance Medley, 11:32.94.

Congratulations Dana !

Freshman swimmer Dana LedDuke, center, is congratulated by Katie Abare, left, and Erin Flynn after setting a new school record in the 50 butterfly (28.77) in a home meet vs. Smith College. LedDuke also was Westfield State's top performer in the New England Swimming and Diving Championships Feb. 17 at Bentley College. LedDuke placed fourth in the 50 butterfly, sixth in the 100 individual medley, and eighth in the 100 butterfly. Westfield State finished 11th in the 17-team field with 239 points. Keene State won the team championship.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

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Labadorf Selected Third Team All American

By Mickey Curtis, SID

The honors keep piling up for Karl Labadorf.

The Westfield State College postgraduate student now rates as one of the best NCAA Division III men's soccer players in the nation as he was recently selected third team All American by the National Soccer Coaches Association.

The Wilbraham native becomes the third All American in the tradition-rich men's soccer program at Westfield State. Ali Goncalves (1976) of Ludlow and John Vassallo (1979) of Amherst were both All America honorable mention selections.

"This is a great honor for Karl and the Westfield State soccer program," said fourth-year coach Paul Whalley, a 1975 Westfield State graduate. "Karl is the hardest working player I have ever coached and he certainly deserves to be an All American."

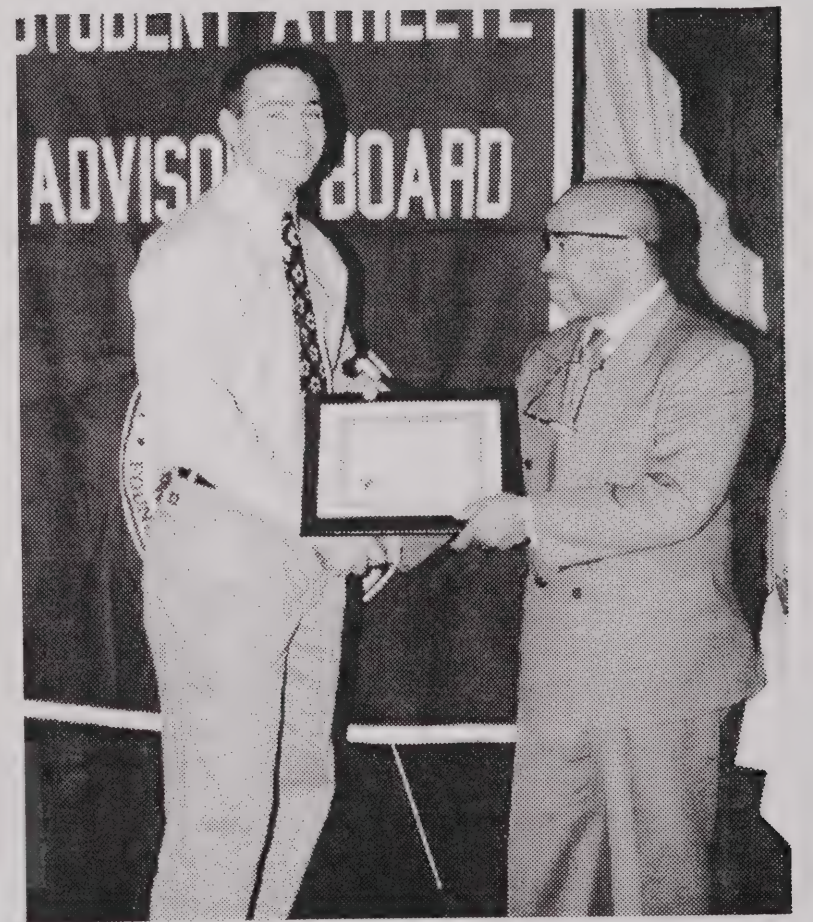
Labadorf, who was recently selected a first team All New England forward, led the Owls to their first NCAA Tournament appearance in 16 years. Westfield also claimed the Mass. State Conference championship and posted a 15-5 record.

Labadorf was a third-team All New England selection during his first year with the Owls when they won the 1997 conference championship and landed a berth in the ECAC Tournament.

Labadorf tallied a team-high 39 points (15 goals, nine assists) this season. He ranks 10th on Westfield's all-time scoring list with 111 points (42 goals, 27 assists).

In addition, Labadorf performed well in the clutch with 13 career game-winning goals. He stroked six game-winning goals this season, including three in postseason tournament victories over Massachusetts College, Worcester State and Roger Williams University.

The three other All New England first-team selections at forward this season also achieved All America status. Sophomore Alex Blake of Jamaica and junior Ted Giannacopolous of Needham - both from Williams College - were first team All Americans. Senior Stuart Hulke of Roger Williams was a second-team selection.



Westfield State soccer standout Karl Labadorf received an All America certificate from Dr. William Lopes, vice president of academic affairs, during the varsity sports fall banquet last December. Labadorf also was honored at the All-America luncheon hosted by the National Soccer Coaches of America in Indianapolis on Jan. 20. Head coach Paul Whalley accompanied Labadorf to Indianapolis.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Vielmetti Leads Owls To OT Win

FITCHBURG - The clutch shooting of Jamie Vielmetti led the Westfield State women's basketball team to a 74-67 overtime victory over Fitchburg State Saturday, Feb. 10.

With Westfield trailing 60-57, Vielmetti sent the game into overtime when she nailed a three-point basket from the left wing with 14.5 seconds left in regulation.

The Owls scored the first seven points in overtime, and Vielmetti sank six free throws in the final minute to preserve the big road victory in Fitchburg's new field house.

Vielmetti, a senior standout from South Deerfield, played the entire game and nearly posted a triple-double with a game-high 23 points, nine rebounds and seven assists.

Junior forward A.J. LaBelle of Mohawk Regional also played 45 minutes for the Owls and totaled 22 points and nine rebounds. Junior Michaela Blaney scored 12 points, while sophomore center Melissa Cote of Feeding Hills contributed seven points and 14 rebounds.

Freshman guard Jamie Morgan and 6-1 freshman center Meredith Cipriani both scored 19 points for the Falcons, who erased an early 15-6 deficit to take a 37-34 halftime lead on their fine perimeter shooting.

Westfield improved to 14-7 overall and 6-4 in the Mass. State Conference.

Hoop Idols

As part of their community outreach initiatives, members of the Westfield State College men's and women's basketball teams recently made a presentation to the fourth grade students at the Southampton Road Elementary School in Westfield. The theme of the presentation was: Sports and Schools — They Do Count! The players and Westfield State men's head coach Rich Sutter talked to the students about working hard in school each day; displaying sportsmanship; showing respect for everyone; and always trying to do what is right. The players also conducted basketball drills and signed autographs to the delight of the fourth graders. Pictured are Alyssa Tedesco and Bryant James.

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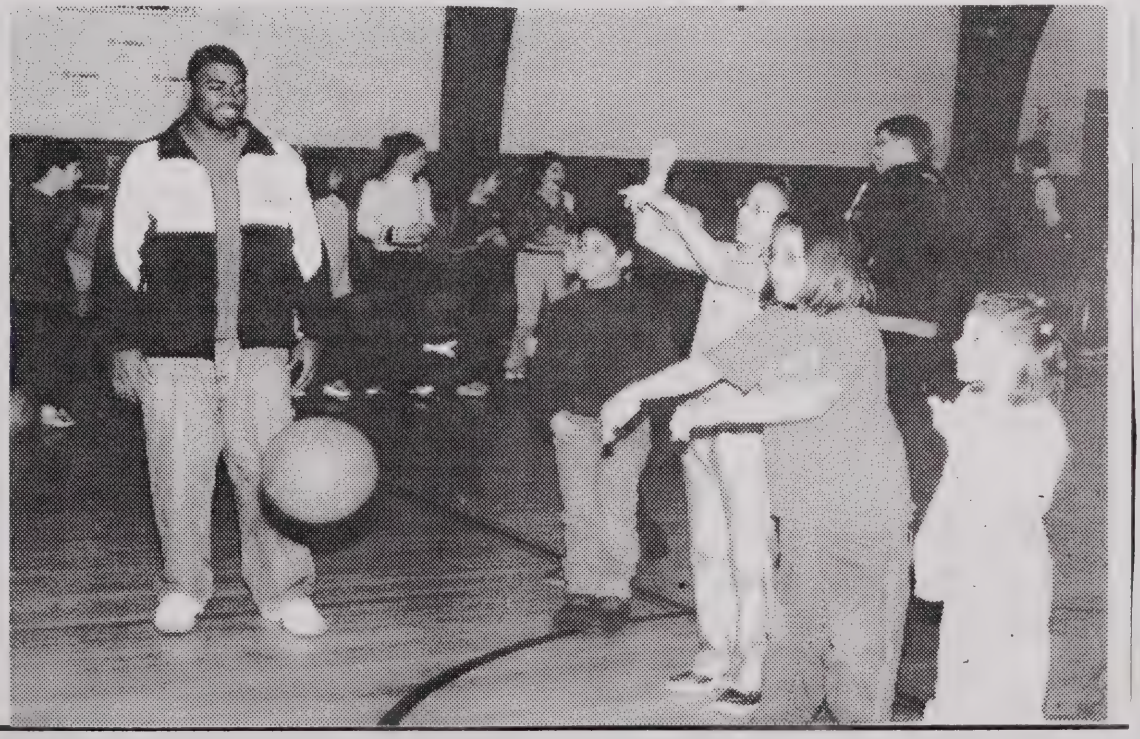

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Reserve Guards Key To Victory

FITCHBURG - Guards Phil Luckett, Ethan Slavin and Phil Conners combined for 35 points off the bench to lead the Westfield State men's basketball team to a 58-53 victory over Fitchburg State Saturday, Feb. 10.

The Owls improved to 11-10 overall and 5-5 in the Mass. State Conference. Westfield has two big games last week to conclude the regular season: Thursday at Framingham State and Saturday at home vs. Massachusetts College.

Luckett, a sophomore from Springfield Central High School, scored a team-high 13 points in 15 minutes of action. Ten of his points came in the final nine minutes of the game, including four free throws in the last 35 seconds to clinch the road victory.

Conners and Slavin each had 11 points and two three-point baskets. Junior power forward Bryant James finished with 10 points and seven rebounds.

Hakim Johnson paced Fitchburgh's balanced attack with 13 poits and seven rebounds.

Both teams made 21 field goals but seven of Westfield's were from three-point range. Also, the Owls were 9-for-10 from the foul line.

Indoor Track and Field Results

Tufts Invitational - Feb. 10

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: This was a non-scoring meet.

FIRST: Ryan Fregeau, 200, 22.84; 4 x 200 relay, 1:35.7.
SECOND: Chris Allie, triple jump, 41-11.50.
THIRD: Matt LeMaire, 55 hurdles, 8.19; 4 x 800, 11:37.26; Jim Foley, high jump, 5-9.75.
FOURTH: Jason Pappas, 600, 1:26.29; Stanley Pau, shot put, 42-9.75.
FIFTH: Chris Hume, 400, 53.02; 4 x 400 relay, 3:38.97; Chris Allie, long jump, 19-10.75; Gerald Kane, triple jump, 36-11.50; Matt James, shot put, 41-9.25.
SEVENTH: Tom Bousquet, 1,000, 2:40.98; Jeff Favreau, triple jump, 35-6; Tom Gilbert, weight throw, 41-3.
EIGHTH: Marco Iannello, 600, 1:28.01.

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: This was a non-scoring meet.

THIRD: Lis Collins, shot put, 33-3; 4 x 400 relay, 4:17.5.
FIFTH: Jess Silva, long jump, 15-5.50; Lis Collins, weight throw, 35-1.25; 4 x 800 Relay, 11:04.44.
SIXTH: Erin Rourke, 55 hurdles, 9.80; Erin Rourke, high jump, 4-8.
SEVENTH: Kristi Popoff, 1,000, 3:27.86.

Student-Athlete's Study Hall Schedule

Sunday - 7 to 9
Monday - 7:30 to 9:30
Wednesday - 7:30 to 9:30

Senior Jamie Vielmetti was named Co-Player of the Year in the Mass. State Conference. Vielmetti finished her outstanding four-year collegiate career with 1,104 points, which is seventh on the Owls' all-time list. Also an excellent passer, the South Deerfield native ranks second in career assists with 426.

Photo By David Harris-Fried

Five Owls Named All Conference

Vielmetti Selected Co-Player of Year

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Five members of the Westfield State College basketball teams were selected to the Mass. State all conference squads that were announced this week.

Topping the list is women's basketball senior standout Jamie Vielmetti of South Deerfield, who was named Conference Co-Player of the Year along with senior Melissa Smock of Salem State.

The 5-10 guard/forward from Frontier Regional led the Owls in scoring(13.3 points per game) and steals (2.8), and the conference in assists (5.6) and free throw shooting (82 percent, 68 of 82). Heading into the final week of the season she was ranked eighth nationally in assists per game in NCAA Division III.

Vielmetti is a three-time all conference selection; she was a first teamer the past two seasons and a second-team pick as a sophomore.

Vielmetti finished her outstanding four-year career with 1,104 points to rank seventh on the Owls' all-time scoring charts. She ranks second with 426 career assists, and in Westfield's top 10 in games played (102), field goals made (427) and attempted (960), field goal shooting percentage (.445), free throws made (214) and attempted (290), free throw percentage (.738), and steals (183).

Westfield's other women's basketball player honored was junior forward **A.J. LaBelle** of Ashfield (Mohawk Regional), who was a second-team selection. LaBelle, a first-team pick last season, led the Owls in blocked shots (25) and was second in scoring (11.7), rebounding (5.7) and steals (2.3).

Three members of Westfield State's men's team were recognized by the coaches as all conference players.

Junior power forward **Bryant James** made an immediate impact his first season with the Owls as he was a first-team selection. The 6-1 transfer from Holyoke Community College used his outstanding leaping ability and quickness to lead the Owls in scoring (14.7), rebounding (9.2), steals (3.0), and blocked shots. James finished third in the conference in rebounding, and was ranked 10th nationally in steals per game heading into the final week of the season.

Senior guard **Kurt Huggins** was a second-team all conference selection. The Massapequa, N.Y., native averaged 10.9 points and 2.0 steals per game in helping the Owls post their first winning season (14-11) in five years. Huggins, a transfer from Mitchell Community College in New London, Conn., was first team all conference during his junior season.

Freshman forward **Vaso Jaukovic** of Montenegro, Yugoslavia, was selected the Conference's Rooke of the Year. The 6-7 forward averaged 13.4 points and 5.1 rebounds, and shot 74 percent from the foul line.

Both Westfield teams placed third in the conference with 7-5 records.

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Bryant James puts down one of the many dunks he executed this season. The 6-1 forward was named first team all conference and led the Owls in scoring, rebounding, field goal shooting, blocked shots and steals.

Photo By Mickey Curtis

Class Registration Workshop Scheduled

As an alternative to study hall Monday, March 5, student-athletes are asked to attend a Class Registration Workshop, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. in the SGA room, lower level of Ely Hall.

The workshop will provide student-athletes information about registration for Fall 2001 classes. The workshop is mandatory if attending Monday study hall, and will be 45 minutes in length.

The workshop will include: class registration guidelines; timeline of events; student registration responsibilities; advising preparation and appointments; and registration process.

This workshop does not replace advisement by your professors.

Westfield Eliminated By Salem

SALEM - Salem State's strong inside attack rallied the Vikings to an 84-75 victory over Westfield State in the semifinals of the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament.

The Vikings, 21-5 overall, went on to win the MASCAC crown as they defeated Worcester State, 63-57, in the championship game.

Trailing 43-37 at halftime, Salem State began to quickly take control in the second half with its potent inside attack led by three seniors: conference Player of the Year Ed Bourgogne (team-high 16 points, 9 rebounds); forward Eric McCoy (15 points), and 6-9 center Gus White (11 points, 12 rebounds, 5 blocked shots).

Leading 64-62 with 7:21 remaining, the Vikings went on a 13-4 run over the next four-plus minutes for a 77-66 lead with 3:01 remaining.

Salem's inside dominance also paid off from the foul line, where it was 23 for 32. The Owls, meanwhile were only 5 of 8 from the charity stripe.

Westfield, 14-11 overall, used a lightning-quick fastbreak and an aggressive defense to take its six-point halftime lead.

Senior guard Kris Kachelmeyer (Bernardston) led the Owls' balanced attack with a game-high 17 points. Bryant James scored 16 points, followed by Kurt Huggins with 14 and Ethan Slavin with 10.

Athletics Hall Of Fame To Enshrine Six

By Mickey Curtis, SID

Six former Westfield State greats have been selected for induction into the College's Athletics Hall of Fame.

The seventh annual inductions will take place this Saturday evening, March 31, 2001, at Scanlon Banquet Hall on the Westfield State campus. Following the inductions this spring there will be 57 members in the prestigious Hall.

The Class of 2001 inductees include: Paul Bracken ('80), ice hockey; Chris Moukas ('77), men's soccer; Tim Parker ('73), basketball; Lou Ann Simchak ('77), softball/basketball; Bill Weber ('75), baseball; and Miles Woodhouse ('90), track and field.

Tickets for the banquet can be purchased by calling the athletics department at 572-5405.

PAUL BRACKEN

Paul Bracken was a standout player for the highly successful Westfield State ice hockey teams of the late 1970s. He ranks as the second all-time leading scorer in Westfield State history with 222 points: 102 goals and 122 assists in 103 games played.

He was the leading goal scorer in the ECAC in 1978, when the Owls finished 20-2 and captured the ECAC championship, and team captain from 1978-80. Bracken also was one of the top five scorers in the ECAC in 1977 and 1979, and an ECAC All-Star in 1978 and 1979.

During his four years at Westfield State, the Owls played in four ECAC Tournaments and posted an aggregate record of 75-27. In addition, he was a star intramurals athlete at Westfield State.

CHRIS MOUKAS

Chris Moukas was one of the star players of Westfield State's powerful soccer teams of the 1970s. During his four years at Westfield, the Owls compiled an aggregate record of 61-13-4, captured two Mass. State Conference championships, and participated in four NCAA Tournaments, including a third-place finish nationally in 1974.

The Athens, Greece, native ranks fifth on the College's all-time scoring list with 134 points (51 goals, 32 assists). The 1977 Westfield State graduate was an All New England selection during his junior year in 1975. He was a team co-captain in 1976 and received the Most Promising Freshman Award in 1973 when the Owls made their first NCAA Tournament appearance. In 1974, after his game-winning goal vs. Framingham State, the Owls were off to Wheaton, Ill., to challenge for the national title.

TIM PARKER

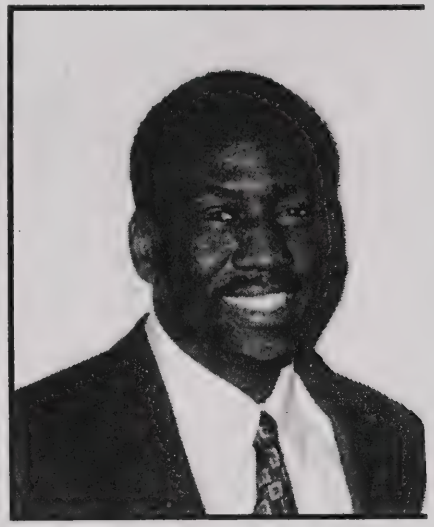
Tim Parker stood tall for the men's basketball team in the early 1970s as a scoring and rebounding threat. The Springfield native still holds school records for rebounds in a game (28), and rebounds per game in a season (17.4) and career (14.9).

The 1973 Westfield State graduate ranks 10th on the all-time scoring list with 1,178 points despite missing all but four games of his sophomore season because of an illness.

Parker, a 6-7 forward with an excellent shooting touch from the outside, was an All-East and a New England State All Conference selection for the Owls. He received the Westfield State College Lettermen's Club Outstanding Athlete Award in 1972 when he averaged 20.9 points and 17.4 rebounds per game. He also was a regional all-star selection his freshman year when he averaged 17.4 points and 13.4 rebounds.

Following his graduation from Westfield State, Parker played professional basketball in Holland for 11 years before retiring at the age of 33.

Lou Ann Simchak



Miles Woodhouse

BILL WEBER

Bill Weber's pitching prowess vaulted Westfield State College into national prominence in baseball in the 1970s. During his senior season in 1975, the Owls posted the best record in school history (32-8) and earned their first ever bid to the NCAA Tournament, where they played six games before losing to Montclair State in the Northeast regional finals.

Weber set school records during his senior season that still stand today for victories (9), pitching starts (12), and innings pitched (83 2/3). He was selected to the Massachusetts State all conference team and was a team captain.

During his junior year, Weber became the first Westfield State baseball player to be named to an NCAA District All-Star team, as well as All New England. He compiled a 6-2 record and a 1.09 earned run average. He pitched 57 innings, allowing only 41 hits, seven earned runs and 19 walks, while striking out 44.

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LOU ANN SIMCHAK

Lou Ann Simchak is one of the finest all around athletes in Westfield State history. The Westfield native excelled in basketball and softball while attending Westfield State from 1975-77.

In basketball, she was the team Most Valuable Player in 1975 and received an invitation to the Olympic basketball tryouts in 1976.

In softball, the 1977 Westfield State graduate was the team MVP in 1976 and a key player on the 1975 squad that posted an 18-2 record and captured the Mass. State championship. Simchak batted .508 that season with 30 runs batted in and a team-high six home runs. She was a standout catcher with a career batting average of .494.

Simchak went on to have a stellar 15-year semi-pro softball career with the Westfield Whips. She was a five-time all-star selection, team MVP, a seven-time captain, and participated in three national tournaments with the highly regarded fast pitch team. Simchak also competed on the international level with a U.S. Eastern All-Star team vs. the Venezuela national team.

During her high school years, Simchak found the time to participate in five sports: basketball, softball, field hockey, tennis, and track and field. She was the Westfield High School Most Valuable Player in basketball for three years and for a year in softball. In track and field, Simchak was the Western Mass. champion for two years in both the javelin and the 440-yard dash. She was selected the high school's top athlete during her senior year in 1972.

MILES WOODHOUSE

Miles Woodhouse ('90) is the most decorated athlete in the history of the tradition-rich men's track and field program, excelling both on the national and regional levels.

The talented Jamaica Plain native earned All America honors five times in his outstanding four-year career, including four times in his specialty: the triple jump. He is the only Westfield State athlete to achieve All America honors more than twice, and the first to achieve All America status in two events.

Among his national accolades are: nine-time national qualifier; All America triple jumper for both the 1989 and 1990 indoor and outdoor seasons; and All America member of the 1600 indoor relay team in 1988.

Regionally, Woodhouse garnered All New England honors 19 times. He was a 10-time All New England (Divisions I, II, III) performer, and nine times placed in the New England Division III championships, including a first place in the triple jump during the 1989 outdoor season.

Woodhouse dominated the competition in the Mass. State Conference outdoor championships, claiming seven individual crowns, including the 400 intermediate hurdles for four consecutive years.

Woodhouse set a conference record in the triple jump and still holds the school record. In addition, he is the former school record holder in the 400 hurdles.

During his four years at Westfield, Woodhouse helped to lead the Owls four conference championships; a second and third place, respectively, in the 1988 and 1989 New England Division III outdoor championships; sixth place finishes in three New England Division III finals; and a 10th place in the 1988 indoor nationals.

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Women Bounced From Tournament

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SALEM - Framingham State soundly defeated Westfield State by a surprising score of 92-53 in the semifinals of the Mass. State Conference women's basketball postseason tournament.

Westfield State finished its season with a 16-9 record. Framingham moved to 18-8 after losing to Salem State, 71-61, in the conference championship game.

A close game had been anticipated as Framingham and Westfield split their regular season series. The Owls won the first game, 68-59, while Framingham won the second contest, 68-61.

Framingham came out firing from the start, however, in the semifinal matchup. The taller Rams led 34-8 with just under 10 minutes led in the first half, and went into intermission with a commanding 45-20 lead over the cold-shooting and turnover-prone Owls.

Framingham kept increasing its lead throughout the second half even with its reserve players. For the game, the hot-shooting Rams shot 55 percent, including 6 of 10 3-point baskets. Westfield shot 27 percent from the field, making 21 of 76 attempts.

All 13 players scored for Framingham, led by sophomore forward Kristine O'Coin's 18 points; she also grabbed 10 rebounds. Sophomore center Janice Coppolino had 10 points and a game-high 11 rebounds, while freshman Katie Kennedy tallied 15 points.

Sophomore Nicole Sealander of Easthampton was the only Westfield player in double figures with 13 points.

Hockey Drops Season Finale

Central Connecticut scored the game-winning goal with 8:26 remaining in the third period to upset the Westfield State College ice hockey team, 3-2, in the Owls' season finale.

The Owls, who finished with a 16-6-2 record, went ahead 2-1 at the 4:17 mark of the second period on a powerplay goal by freshman Peter Couture.

The Blue Devils then scored two unanswered goals. Westfield also got a goal from the team's leading scorer, Ryan Lawless. Keith Nadeau added two assists, while defensemen Kevin Pelkey and Mike Palazzola each had an assist.

Freshman goalie Ardian Kalezic stopped 39 shots in a losing effort.

Kalezic, played a strong game despite coughing up blood between the first and second periods. The Owls also were without senior captain Matt Fontaine.

"This was a very disappointing loss for us, and by far our worst loss of the season," said coach Brian Ward.

"We did not play hard enough to win. We took too many undisciplined penalties and it cost us. Central was very well prepared for us. We had too many guys who took the night off."

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Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference
2000-2001 Howard C. Smith Cup Standings

Place	School	Points	Possible Points	%
1st	Westfield	26	48	.542
2nd	Bridgewater	19	48	.395
3rd	Salem	18.67	48	.389
4th	Worcester	19	54	.352
T-5th	Fitchburg	10.67	54	.198
T-5th	Framingham	10.67	54	.198
7th	Mass College	4	42	.095
8th	Mass Maritime	0	24	.000

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Softball Edged In Extra Innings

NEW HAVEN - The Westfield State softball team had a tough day in its northern opener, played March 20 in New Haven, Conn., as it lost to Albertus Magnus, 6-5, in 9 innings.

The second game of the scheduled double header was called because of darkness with one out in the bottom of the fifth inning and Westfield leading, 3-0; therefore, the game and statistics do not count.

In the opener, Westfield scored three runs in the top of the fourth to take a 3-1 lead. The host team scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth, then Westfield sent the game into extra innings with a run in the sixth.

The Owls scored a run in the ninth inning, but Albertus Magnus rallied for two runs in its final at bat for the exciting victory.

Both teams collected 11 hits. Sophomore Roberta St. Peters pounded a double and single for Westfield. Freshman Sarah Simmons was the losing pitcher.

Senior Jamie Vielmetti, left, and junior A.J. LaBelle pose for the camera after receiving their All Conference certificates at the Mass. State Conference postseason basketball tournament. Vielmetti also was named Conference Co-Player of the Year. Last week Vielmetti added two more awards to her trophy case; the South Deerfield native was named third team All New England and also was selected to play in the New England Senior All-Star Game. The All-Star game was held prior to the NCAA Division III national championships, held in Danbury, Conn., on March 17. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Notices

Progress reports are in for freshman student-athletes. To view them, stop by Ely 246 from 3 to 5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Westfield High School needs assistant coaches for girls' track and field and lacrosse. WSC students who have experience and knowledge are urged to call Westfield High School athletics director Al Nummy at 572-6484.

Athletics Director Named To NCAA Committee On Infractions

Ken Magarian, director of athletics at Westfield State College, was recently named to the NCAA National Committee on Infractions, as announced by Shep Cooper, director for the NCAA Infractions Commission for Divisions I, II, and III at the NCAA headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Infractions Committee was established in 1952 to provide an enforcement program for the NCAA and work with the membership colleges and universities to maintain integrity in collegiate athletics.

The mission of the NCAA enforcement committee is to reduce violations of NCAA legislation and to impose appropriate penalties if violations occur. The specific mission of the NCAA enforcement staff is to act as a means of accountability for member institutions. The committee has the authority to determine what (if any) findings should be made and what (if any) penalties should be assessed upon a member institution. At the recent NCAA Convention in Orlando, the Infractions Committee was given expanded authority to assess member colleges and universities financial penalties for violations of the NCAA.

Magarian, a long-time athletics adminstrator and former baseball coach at Westfield State College, is also chairman of the Ethics and Sportsmanship Committee for both the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference and the New England Football Conference. In addition, he is the chairman of the Westfield Park Recreation Commission and past president of the Westfield Kiwanis Club.

Swimming and Diving Team

First Row (L-R): Kelly Reardon, Rachel Machowsky, Becky Sirota, Erin Flynn, Kim MacKenzie, Courtney Burden, Melanie Kirouac, Karen Flaherty, Jennifer Gilbert.
Second Row: head coach Dave Laing, Colleen Boisvert, Jessica St. Pierre, Jody Stiefel, Julie Abare, Katie Abare, Nicole Acheson, Heather Perreault, Dana LedDuke, assistant coach Sue Parker.

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2001 Baseball Schedule

DATE		OPPONENT	TIME
	April		
Tue.	**3**	**EASTERN CONNECTICUT**	**3:00**
Wed.	**4**	**TRINITY**	**3:30**
Sat.	7	at Mass Maritime (2)	12:00
Tue.	**10**	**WILLIAMS**	**3:30**
Thu.	**12**	**WESTERN NEW ENGLAND**	**3:00**
Sat.	**14**	**FITCHBURG STATE (2)**	**12:00**
Mon.	16	at Worcester State (2)	12:00
Tue.	17	at Western Connecticut	7:00
Sat.	**21**	**BRIDGEWATER STATE (2)**	**12:00**
Tue.	24	at Massachusetts College (2)	2:30
Thu.	26	at Keene State	3:30
Sat.	**28**	**FRAMINGHAM STATE (2)**	**12:00**
Mon.	30	at Springfield	3:30
	May		
Wed.	2	Conference Tournament	TBA
Sat.	5	Conference Tournament	TBA
Sun.	6	Conference Tournament	TBA

2001 Softball Schedule

DATE		OPPONENT	TIME
	April		
Tue.	**3**	**ELMS**	**4:00**
Sat.	7	at Mass Maritime (2)	12:00
Tue.	10	at Western Connecticut (2)	4:30
Thu.	**12**	**KEENE STATE (2)**	**3:00**
Sat.	**14**	**FITCHBURG STATE (2)**	**12:00**
Mon.	16	at Worcester State (2)	12:00
Wed.	18	at Amherst (2)	3:30
Sat.	**21**	**BRIDGEWATER STATE (2)**	**12:00**
Tue.	24	at Massachusetts College (2)	3:00
Sat.	**28**	**FRAMINGHMAM STATE (2)**	**12:00**
	May		
Wed.	2	Conference Tournament	TBA
Sat.	5	Conference Tournament	TBA
Sun.	6	Conference Tournament	TBA

Competition Cheering Squad

First Row (L-R): Alexis Demas, Michelle Holland, Tiffani Warila.

Second row: Aimee Winchell, Melissa Fitzgerald, Kimberly Tobias, Jennifer Frohn.

Third row: Paul Bradfield, Kathryn Duprat, Daniel Sirois, Holly Schmedding, Paul Kowal.

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Hall of Famers

Six former greats were inducted into the Westfield State Athletics Hall of Fame March 31 before an enthusiastic crowd of 170 in Scanlon Banquet Hall. First row, left to right, are: Lou Ann Simchak (softball/basketball, Class of 1977); Chris Moukas (soccer, '77); Mrs. Pat Parker, accepting for her son Tim Parker (basketball, '73). Second row: Paul Bracken (hockey, '80); Bill Weber (baseball, '75); and Miles Woodhouse (track and field, '90).

Photo By Mickey Curtis

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Hall of Fame Highlights

Top Photo: Jim Hagan, vice president of Westfield Bank, presents a $2,000 check to President Woodward for the college's Athletics Hall of Fame. Hagan also is a Westfield State graduate and chair of the college's Board of Trustees. Athletics director Ken Magarian noted the donation will assist the Athletics Hall of Fame in the next stage of its development, which is an actual Hall of Fame in the new field house.

Bottom Photo: President Woodward greets Hall of Fame inductee Chris Moukas, who returned to the Westfield State College campus for the first time since graduating in 1977. Moukas is a native of Athens, Greece, and made a 10-hour flight back to his college alma mater to receive the prestigious honor.

Photos By Mickey Curtis

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Baseball Roundup

Owls Fall To Top-Ranked Teams

Trinity 11 - Westfield State 2

HARTFORD - An eight-run outburst in the first inning powered top-ranked Trinity College to an 11-2 victory over the Westfield State baseball team April 4.

Trinity - ranked No. 1 in New England, improved to 15-1 with its 12th straight victory.

The Owls, 1-11 overall, began Mass. State Conference play this past Saturday when they played a double header at Mass. Maritime Academy. Westfield also was scheduled to play a twinbill Sunday at Salem State. The Owls' first home game is slated for Tuesday vs. Williams College.

Junior Greg Spanos of Auburn, Mass., pitched eight shutout innings and had two hits and two RBI for the Bantams. Trinity scored eight runs in the first, capitalizing on five Owl walks and a two-run single by junior Nick Callini of Westfield, Mass., who also pitched the final inning.

Westfield scored two runs in the last inning on a wild pitch and an RBI groundout by freshman Bobby Negron. Will Harden had two of the Owl' three hits.

Eastern Conn. 11 - Westfield 7

MANSFIELD, Conn. - The Eastern Connecticut State University baseball team built an early eight-run lead and held off the Westfield State baseball team, 11-7, on Tuesday, April 3.

The win was the fifth in sixth northern games and the fourth in as many years over Westfield for Eastern, which is 10-7 and ranked fourth in New England.

First-year sophomore righty Dave Meeker did not allow a hit over the first five innings in earning his first victory after two losses. Meeker allowed only three baserunners over the first five innings while fanning six, but was roughed up and driven from the mound in the sixth when the Owls struck for six runs on six hits and three walks.

Five Eastern hitters had two hits each and seven different players drove in runs. Senior Nick Tempesta of Brockton, Mass., who broke the Eastern career hit record in Monday's 12-4 victory over Springfield, rapped two hits, scored two runs and drove in a run.

In Westfield's six-run sixth inning, senior third baseman Dan Wenzel drove in the first two runs with a single.

Sophomore first baseman Aaron Belanger of Pittsfield rapped two singles and sophomore second baseman Tim Cadman of Waltham clubbed a double and single.

Sophomore field hockey player Jill Annunciata shows senior Kris Kachelmeyer the women's varsity sports display at the table sponsored by the Westfield State College athletics department during the college's Week Celebrating Women's Health Fair. *Photo By Mickey Curtis*

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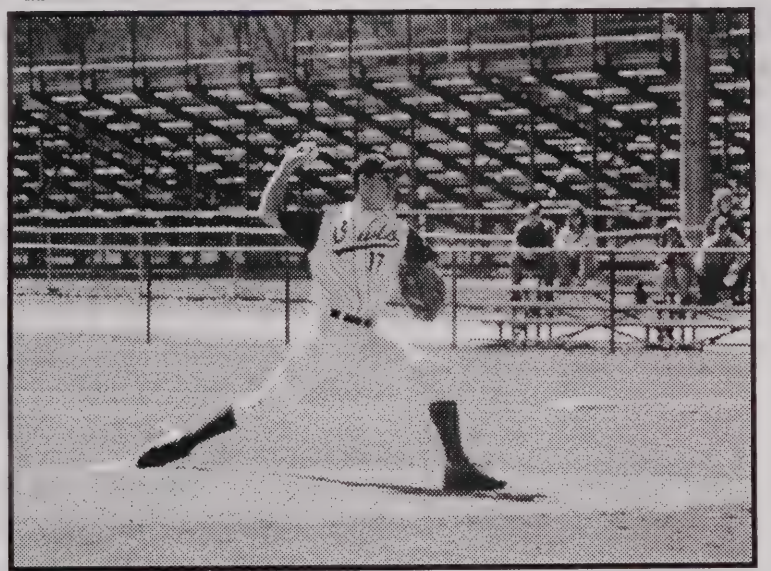

For the second straight season, junior Mike Beaton has emerged as the ace of the Westfield State College baseball team's pitching staff. Beaton went the distance in a 3-2 victory over Mass. Maritime in the Owls' conference opener. *File Photo By Mickey Curtis*

Owls Win Conference Opener

BUZZARDS BAY - Strong pitching performances by Mike Beaton and Corey Scafidi led the Westfield State College baseball team to a Mass. State Conference double header sweep of Mass Maritime Academy, 3-2 and 5-1.

It was the conference opener for the Owls, whose games scheduled for April 8 at Salem State were rained out.

In the opener, Beaton allowed only four hits and one walk and struck out four in going the distance. The Cape Cod native (Chatham) allowed two unearned runs in the last inning when the Owls committed three errors.

With a Mass Maritime runner at second base, the game ended when sophomore shortstop Mike Carney (Feeding Hills) made a fine defensive play when he gloved a bad-hop grounder off the second base bag and threw to first for the final out.

The Owls collected 10 hits in the seven-inning game but stranded nine baserunners. Senior Dan Wenzel, a Buzzards Bay native, was 2-for-4 and was credited with the game-winning RBI on a first-inning single. Westfield added two more runs in the fourth on a suicide squeeze by Scafidi and an RBI single by Will Harden.

Harden, Jeff Bolduc and Tim Cadman each had two hits, with Bolduc stroking a double for the game's only extra basehit.

In the second game, Scafidi also went the distance for the pitching victory. He gave up no earned runs, three singles and two walks and struck out eight.

Westfield only collected two hits in the game but both came in its four-run first inning. With two outs and two Owls reaching base via walks, Matt Donah rapped a run-scoring single. Nate Hall was hit by a pitch to load the bases, then Cadman cleared the sacks with a double down the left field line.

The Owls added an unearned run in the third on a sacrifice fly by Wenzel.

After his shaky first inning, Mass Maritime pitcher Kevin McLaughlin settled down to silence the Owls. Over the final six innings, McLaughlin struck out 11 and did not allow a hit or walk; he retired the final 15 batters.

Williams 18 - Westfield State 1

William College rolled to an 18-1 victory over Westfield State College in the Owls' home opener on Tuesday, April 10.

Williams, ranked fourth in New England, improved to 14-1.

Freshman Jabe Bergeron of Keene, N.H. and junior Mark Scialabba combined for nine of Williams' 19 hits. Bergeron was 5 for 6 with two doubles, four RBI and four runs scored. Scialabba was 4 for 5 with five RBI and a double.

Williams sophomore third baseman Austin Lehn was 2 for 5 to extend his hitting streak to 14 straight games.

The Owls' only had three hits, including a double by Jeff Bolduc and an RBI single by Corey Scafidi.

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Academic Reception To Honor 3.0 Athletes

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By Mickey Curtis, SID

One hundred and eleven (111) Westfield State College students have been recognized as scholar-athletes for completing the 2000 fall semester with cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or better.

The 3.0 Club represents approximately 38 percent of the student-athletes at Westfield State College.

"We are very proud of all our student-athletes; the way they perform on the playing fields and in the classroom," said Westfield State athletics director Ken Magarian. "I would especially like to thank the faculty, staff and coaches for their support and guidance."

The 3.0 Club students will be honored Wednesday evening, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. at the fourth annual athletics academic reception in Scanlon Banquet Hall-A. The honorees will have an opportunity to invite one of their professors to the reception as their special guests.

The football team leads the way with 15 scholar-athletes followed by women's track and field (14), men's track and field (13) and women's cross country (11). The athletics training staff, with seven of Rich Pierce's 11-member staff maintaining 3.0 GPAs, also is being recognized.

For the second straight year, the women's cross country team racked up the most impressive grades. All 11 team members finished with cumulative GPAs of 3.0 or better, and as a team the average GPA was an amazing 3.56.

The following is a sport-by-sport breakdown of Westfield State's scholar-athletes:

Baseball (5) Bob Arnett, Matt Donah, Tom Gusha, Will Harden, Marc Kelly.

Competitition Cheering (4) Kathryn Duprat, Kimberly Tobias, Tiffani Warila, Daniel Sirois.

Men's Basketball (5) Aboubacar Gassama, Vaso Jaukovic, Jon Mazzone, Ryan Rea, Ethan Slavin.

Women's Basketball (6) Michaela Blaney, Lindsey Coleman, Leslie Cooke, Melissa Cote, Shannon Dunlavey, Alissa Tedesco.

Men's Cross Country (3) Tom Bousquet, Brian Church, Andrew Krantz.

Women's Cross Country (11) Tracey Borucki, Catie Geldert, Starr Hockenberry, Laura Hurley, Erica Mellone, Melinda Nikola, Miranda Osgood, Kristi Lin Popoff, Alyssa Reid, Sara Sechovicz, Lori Starsiak.

Field Hockey (9) Kelley Barthelmes, Mary Bishop, Julieann Flynn, Renee Gahan, Karen Oliveira, Meghan Perreault, Teri Phipps, Brooke Wadhams, Therese Yacovone.

Football (15) Bob Arnett, Rob Byrne, David Carabin, John Cloutier, David Eaton, Stephen Faniel, Mark Howard, Richard Hudson, Mike Hurteau, Shawn Lyman, Tim Macchi, Ron Rich, Brian Ross, Mitch Tanaki, Matt Yvon.

Women's Soccer (7) Melissa Albano, Sara Barrows, Kelly Furlong, Michelle Montvitt, Erin Reardon, Melissa Reed, Erin Reim.

Men's Soccer (5) Joe Calabrese, D.J. Conway, Andrew McDavitt, Tyler Roy, Jon Witowski.

Softball (7) Jill Easttey, Sarah Kalagher, Karen Oliveira, Meghan Perreault, Kate Pomerleau, Roberta St. Peters, and Erin Stawarz.

Women's Swimming and Diving (8) Colleen Boisvert, Karen Flaherty, Erin Flynn, Melanie Kirouac, Dana LedDuke, Heather Perreault, Jessica St. Pierre, and Jody Stiefel.

Men's Track and Field (13) Chris Allie, Greg Aucoin, Tom Bousquet, Rob Byrne, David Carabin, Brian Church, David Eaton, Vinnie Ferrecchia, Greg Haskell, Mark Howard, Matt James, Josh Lewbel, Patrick Swett.

Women's Track and Field (14) Megg Bethoney, Michaela Blaney, Brigitta Brandt, Lis Collins, Jen Daukas, Catie Geldert, Starr Hockenberry, Laura Hurley, Erica Mellone, Melinda Nikola, Kristi Lin Popoff, Alyssa Reid, Andrea Sawler, Deanna Thomas.

Trainers (7) Christine Bolte, Steve Chandler, Kara Gregory, Michael Hall, Christopher Jacques, Jennifer King, Amy Nogueira.

Women's Volleyball (7) Larissa Farrell, Katelyn Foley, Sarah Lund, Michelle Sanchioni, Leah Schmidt, Andrea Tessier, and Sara Woodcock.

Softball Edges Smith, 4-3

NORTHAMPTON - The Westfield State College softball team posted a 4-3 victory over Smith College on Thursday, April 5.

It was the Owls' first game since March 20 and improved their record to 3-7. Smith dropped to 4-10.

Westfield jumped out to a 3-0 first-inning lead sparked by a two-run single by sophomore shortstop Nicole Kenney.

The Owls added a key insurance run in the seventh inning to take a 4-2 lead. Smith scored a run in its final at bat on a one-out solo homer by Theresa LaFavor.

Kenney collected two of Westfield's seven hits. Winning pitcher Sarah Kalagher allowed six hits and a walk.

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Women's Track and Field

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April 14	Smith Invitational	Northampton
April 21	Connecticut College Invitational	New London, CT
April 27	Penn Relays	Philadelphia
April 28	**MASCAC/Alliance Championships**	**Westfield State**
May 5	New England D-3 Championships	Middlebury
May 12	All New England Championships	Williams
May 17-18	ECAC D-3 Championships	Springfield
May 24-26	NCAA D-3 National Championships	Millikin University, IL

Men's Track and Field

April 2001

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Notices

Progress reports are in for freshman student-athletes. To view them, stop by Ely 246 from 3 to 5 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Westfield High School needs assistant coaches for girls' track and field and lacrosse. WSC students who have experience and knowledge are urged to call Westfield High School athletics director Al Nummy at 572-6484.

Important Dates To Remember:

- 3.0 Club Academic Reception - April 25

- Varsity Sports Spring Banquet - May 7

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Softball Sinks Mass Maritime

BUZZARDS BAY - The Westfield State softball team swept a double header from Mass Maritime Academy, 11-0 and 8-0.

Westfield won the opener in five innings. Nicole Kenney, Jill Easttey and Suzie Scott each had three hits and two RBI. Jen McInnis and Kate Pomerleau both rapped two singles.

Westfield broke open the second game with a four-run uprising in the fifth. Sue Smith and B.J. Dion both belted three singles. Tasha Goulet had a double and single and two RBI. Collecting two hits were Easttey, Kenney, and Kelly Walsh.

Western Conn. Sweeps Westfield

DANBURY, Conn. - The Western Connecticut State softball team rolled to a 16-2, 7-0 double header sweep of Westfield State on Tuesday, April 10.

Western Connecticut improved to an impressive 15-1, while Westfield dropped to 5-9.

In the opener, Western blasted 19 hits as 11 players hit safely. Freshman outfielder Suzie Scott collected two of Westfield's five hits.

In the second game, Western Connecticut catcher Kim Lynch was 3 for 4 with six RBI and two homers, including a grand slam in the bottom of the sixth that broke open a close game.

Sophmore shortstop Nicole Kenney collected two of Westfield's four hits.

Westfield pitcher Sarah Kalagher went the distance, allowing 12 hits and three walks. Western pitcher Sarah Zaslaw struck out 14.

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Track and Field Results

Springfield College Invitational
April 7, 2001

MEN'S TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Springfield 228; 2. Tufts 142; 3. Bates 134; Westfield 90; 5. Southern Maine 23.
FIRST: Vin Ferrecchia, javelin, 182-9.
SECOND: Josh Lewbel, long jump, 21-3.5; 4 x 100 relay, 43.72; Tom Bousquet, 5000, 15:48.72.
THIRD: Chris Allie, triple jump, 40-9.75; Ryan Fregeau, 200, 22.94; David Eaton, 400 hurdles, 57.8; Ryan Fregeau, 100, 11.51; Marco Iannello, 800, 2:01.73.
FOURTH: 4 x 400 Relay, 3:32.23; Josh Lewbel, high jump, 5-8; Chris Hume, 400 hurdles, 57.82.
FIFTH: Jeff Favreau, triple jump, 37-10.
SIXTH: Chris Allie, long jump, 19-11; Greg Haskell, javelin, 153-6; Rob Byrne, shot put, 41-9.25.
SEVENTH: Andy Barron, 5000, 16:43.62.
EIGHTH: Mark Howard, hammer throw, 128-9; Tom Gilbert, shot put, 40-7.5; David Carabin, 100, 11.78.

Trinity College Bantam Invitational
April 7, 2001

WOMEN'S TEAM STANDINGS - No team scores were kept.
FIRST: Abbey Laffond, javelin, 118-8.75; Elisabeth Collins, shot put, 34-11.
FIFTH: 4 x 100 Relay, 54.50; Abbey Laffond, discus, 101-10; Vicki Hood, javelin, 110-4.5.
SEVENTH: Deanna Thomas, high jump, 4-6.
EIGHTH: Abbey Laffond, shot put, 32-11.

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Men's Dual Meet
at Springfield College
April 11, 2001
No team scores were kept.

FIRST: Jim Foley, high jump, 5-10; Josh Lewbel, long jump, 21-1.25; Ryan Fregeau, 100, 11.48; Ryan Fregeau, 200, 23.11.
SECOND: Greg Haskell, javelin, 159-5; Rob Byrne, shot put, 43-0.5; Jeff Favreau, 38-0.75; Chris Hume, 400 hurdles, 57.45; 4 x 400 relay, 3:32.56.
THIRD: David Eaton, 400 hurdles, 57.54.
FOURTH: Mark Howard, hammer throw, 127-3; Chris Hume, long jump, 19-10.25; Chris Allie, 400, 53.42; Greg Aucoin, 200, 23.95.
FIFTH: Tom Gilbert, hammer throw, 118-0; Ryan Fregeau, long jump, 19-8; Eric Flossic, javelin, 124-4; Tom Gilbert, shot put, 41-7; Marco Iannello, 400, 54.66; Greg Aucoin, 100, 11.95; James Creed, 800, 2:37.97.

Women's Dual Meet
at Springfield College
April 11, 2001
No team scores were kept.

FIRST: Abbey Laffond, javelin, 122-8; Deanna Thomas, high jump, 5-2.25; Jess Silva, 100, 13.75.
SECOND: Abbey Laffond, discus, 106-3; Jess Silva, long jump, 15-4.25; 4 x 100 relay, 53.73; Nikki Esten, 200, 28.09.
THIRD: Vicki Hood, javelin, 107-11; Michaela Blaney, triple jump, 30-7; Lis Collins, shot put, 33-2.5; Erin Rourke, 100 hurdles, 18.21.
FOURTH: Jen Daukas, discus, 83-5; Michaela Blaney, long jump, 14-4; Shannon Rhinhart, triple jump, 30-3.5.
FIFTH: Lis Collins, discus, 82-2; Abbey Laffond, shot put, 32-3.75; Nikki Esten, 400, 68.62; Starr Hockenberry, 800, 2:41.28.

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